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MEDICAL

APPOINTMENTS

Tops-field 1858 Massa-chusetts.

A Diary.

Dec. 2. Have kept no diary since residing in this town, not having had a blank book.

Gen. Henry K. Oliver of Lawrence, a State agent, addressed the friends of education in the afternoon and evening at the Academy, on topics connected with the subject of common schools.— as the choice of school committees & of teachers, conduct of teachers & of parents, school management, discipline, &c.—

Dec. 3 Moses Horn Jr. met about forty young persons at the Academy with the view of forming a class in vocal music. A few advanced beyond the period of youth seemed to be out of place mingling with a class of persons much younger than themselves. The simplest elements of vocal music were taken up.

Dec 12 Sun. Mr McLoud repeated the sermon of last Sunday morning from the text, "Having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all." II Cor. II. 3 Subject. The identity of the interests of the church & the minister. The sermon seemed to be ~~an~~ a particular admonition to a portion of his church. It was repeated at the request of certain individuals

Rev. Alpheus J. Pike ~~preached~~ spoke from Mark XV. 19 on preaching the gospel. how & to whom

1859

Jan 4 Been busy through Christmas and new years. A smart snowstorm today. Went to Israel Wille's, thence to Gilbert [illegible] by way of David Hobbs'. Heavy travelling, deep snow. Thermometer about 20°.

Jan 11 Went to Boston. Paid the balance due the Medical School, $50. A very cold day Thermometer –15. Reported lower in other places. [Some thermometers in this town (Jan 16) indicated –20° in –

Jan 13 Harrington, the ventriloquist & magician gave an entertainment at Union Hall, – Attended

Jan 16 Even. The trees were covered with ice & shone brightly in the rays of the sun. We see this appearance only once in several years.

Jan 26 Wednes Went to Hamilton

Feb 5 Sat Have lately read Sala's "Journey due North" being an account of the manners & customs of the Russians in and about St. Petersburg

July 5. Went to Boston on the 25th of May last to attend the [illegible] Medical Society. Paid an assessment of $5.00. Heard Dr Ware read an essay on Haemoptysis, Dr J. M. Warren exhibited a successful case of excision of the knee joint & a case (post mortem) of Hermaphrodite

Dr Timothy Childs of the Pittsfield Med. Institution, delivered the annual address, on the progress of medical science, and the duty of the profession towards empirics. Dr O.W. Holmes presided at the dinner table in Faneuil Hall. Saw Dr James Jackson for the first time, a hale looking old man.

July 28 Last Wednesday week, went to Cambridge to Commencement. The horse railroad from Bowdoin Sq. to Harvard Square is a very pleasant mode of conveyance. I arrived at the College just as the procession was proceeding to the First church. Of the distinguished characters present were the Hon. Josiah Quincy Sen. Edward Everett, Gov. Banks, & Judge Shaw. The parts were necessarily short, and were of ordinary merit. The procession was afterwards reformed at Gore Hall, and proceeded to Harvard Hall to dine. M. A.'s were invited, but B. A's were not invited to dine. The Rev. Clergy, however, of all denominations were invited. It would appear that the Bachelors are cut off to make room for others, to diminish somewhat the sum total at the dinner table. The advantage of the new arrangement remain to be seen. The tendency is to celebrate commencement day hereafter by a very select company indeed.

It might be stated that among those invited to dine were officers of the Army & Navy of the United States. Officers of the State, & United States Courts, Professors in Colleges & Theological Seminaries, & Bachelors of Laws.

Aug 12 Went home yesterday. returned to-day. Saw Uncle Benj: Edwards. he is unable to articulate, having lost the power of speech several months ago.

Sept 4. Was at Salem Aug 20. Went to the Essex South Medical Society's rooms at Plummer Hall; drew four books. Went home Aug 22. Went to the Methodist Camp meeting in Hamilton. Aug 26th heard Elder Scudder of New York preach from the text, "the end of those things is death."

Saw a remarkable display of the Aurora Borealis Sun. eve. Aug 28th. The rays converging to a focus a little south of the Zenith. Parts of the sky presented a pale blood red appearance. Their brilliancy rendered the sky quite luminous.

The sun [illegible] as brilliant this morning

1859

Sept 23 Last Saturday Sept. 17th. heard Edward Everett deliver his oration on the occasion of the erection of a bronze statue of Daniel Webster in the grounds in front of the State House Boston, The oration was performed in Music Hall, and was an elegant & splendid performance.
Other speeches by Prof Felton. Mayor Lincoln & Gov. Banks.

Yesterday heard of the death of uncle Benjamin Edwards of Wrentham. He died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the 20th inst. & was buried on Wednesday.

Dec 3. Yesterday was the time appointed for hanging John Brown at Charlestown Va. for Treason Murder &c The sympathy of the people of the northern States of this union is undoubtedly with Brown but for political reasons it is not generally expressed The movement at Harper's Ferry is the natural & legitimate result of the system of Slavery & the authorities of Va. are more to blame for holding slaves & defending the system than Brown is for attempting to set the slaves free.
John Brown is a conscientious man & will be held as a martyr & a hero in the future.

[illegible]

[illegible] He is a good looking man but there is nothing particularly striking in his appearance, has a prominent nose, rather florid, sanguine complexion, [illegible] had a sedate countenance as he rode in the barouch in the procession.

Wed'y Apr 24. Exciting times these. — Patriotic times. — A remarkable & important period in the history of our beloved country. — War forced upon us by the mistaken and misguided South. The remarkable outburst of patriotic feeling throughout the northern & other western portions of our country, including the free States, is shared by the people of Westfield, as evinced by the raising the star spangled banner of the Union in our streets, the intense excitement of all classes of our people, the expression of patriotic sentiments & the ~~voluntary~~ enlistment of numbers of our young men in the volunteer militia, who have gone & are going to uphold by arms the Union, the Constitution & the laws. A spirited meeting was held at the Academy last evening for the purpose of forming

1860. [illegible] resulting [illegible] on [illegible]
Fourteen, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
al [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
attendants in the departure [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], the [illegible]
[illegible]
M. P. M. left on that day [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
displayed [illegible]
about [illegible] feet in height [illegible]
" [illegible] Went to Boston. Dr. Perkins [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
vade the ~~th~~ anniversary meeting
[illegible] for the
Foreign Christian Union. Dr. [illegible]
[illegible] the Soc. for the promotion [illegible]
Education at the West. [illegible]
[illegible] Congre-
gational Union
The season is delightful. [illegible]
[illegible]

1861

Sept [illegible] Mr. [illegible] the growth of [illegible] of [illegible] celebrated [illegible] National Independence by raising a flag by public [illegible] at the locust grove where a [illegible] was erected, stables spread with [illegible] Among the speakers from abroad were Rev. Huntington who raised the flag, Hon. A. G. Dodge, Hon. [illegible] of [illegible] Rob. [illegible] of Salem.

Sept 26 [illegible] Fast. In accordance with the Proclamation of President Lincoln this day is observed as a day of fasting & prayer on account of the national [illegible] which have fallen upon the country in the present rebellion against the Union, the constitution and the laws. A sermon suggested by the state of the country was preached in the forenoon by Rev. Mr. McLeod. A large congregation for a Fast Day was in attendance, as large an audience as usually assembles on a Sunday.

Oct 21 Attended the Conference of the Essex [illegible] Association of Congregational Churches in [illegible] on the 9th inst. Wednesday. Heard the sermon in the afternoon delivered by Rev.

[illegible] of [illegible] on the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] attendant of [illegible]
the churches..
Went to the ordination of Rev. Mr. [illegible]
over the Congregational Church in Ham-
ilton on Wednesday last. Reading of the
Scriptures & prayer by Rev. Mr. Fitz of [illegible]
Sermon by Rev Prof Park of Andover
from Romans 1 Chap. 16th verse, Con-
secrating prayer by Rev. Mr. Means of Dor-
chester, Right hand of Fellowship by Rev.
Mr. Jefferson of Middleton, father of the [illegible]
address to the people by Rev. Mr. [illegible]
Charge by Rev Mr Blagden of Boston.
A delightful occasion, a beautiful
autumnal day, a large assemblage
of people.
The Churches represented in the Council,
other than those indicated by the names of
the foregoing Rev gentlemen, were ~~those in~~
Congregational Churches in Topsfield, Essex
& Wenham,
Did not hear the examination of the can-
didate in the forenoon.

Rev Mr [illegible]

preached this day, forenoon from 1 Cor. XII
Chap. 29–31 verses. He illustrated the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] history of the early [illegible]

of the town, whose [illegible] have [illegible] by [illegible] sympathy with the bones of those whose memory they were erected to commemorate. Following the suggestions of the text, he remarked that time was short, 1st for the doing what 2 by persecutions & trials, 3d for enjoyments & in possessions, & lastly for the use of the things of this world.

P.M. Text Ps. IV. verse 4

Commune with yourself upon what you are living for, upon the dealings of Providence, upon the Holy Spirit, upon the end of your course if followed out, an exhortation to repentance, a neglect of these things the reason why so many do not become Christians, — were some of the principal topics treated in the discourse.

[illegible] 7 Text Ex. III. 14. In the forenoon the speaker treated of the Authority, Majesty, & Sovereignty of God! in the afternoon, from the same text, of his Goodness as manifested in His Compassion & Faithfulness.

Last Monday morning was the first general frost of the season.

On Thursday, visited my friends at home.

10 [illegible]
in the forenoon [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the afternoon [illegible]

Last Wednesday [illegible]
Dr. O. W. Holmes [illegible]
[illegible] lecture before the [illegible]
[illegible] heated of the [illegible]
[illegible]
a splendid lecture, if [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
ever, there are worse effect [illegible]
general mass of people [illegible]
[illegible] own [illegible]

[illegible] Gov. [illegible]
the office [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
has signed the death [illegible]
one culprit.

17 [illegible] Tuesday [illegible]
[illegible]type taken.
[illegible] home to Hamilton.

18[illegible]

[illegible] preached on the [illegible] from the text Come unto me all ye that are weary & heavy laden & I will give you rest.

First we must feel that we need rest

Second, must believe that he is the [illegible]

third, must [illegible] it.

In the afternoon text 1 [illegible] IV. verse 8. To be happy here four things are necessary.

Consciousness of rectitude, 2 freedom from fear 3 an enlarged & noble sphere for the exercise of the mind & contentment.

[illegible] 24 Last Thursday, the 24th was thanksgiving went home, heard Prof [illegible] Johnsons discourse at Hamilton, he noted some of the features in the present state of the country for which we should give thanks.

Mr Lord preached from [illegible] the [illegible] after of the first of [illegible] the [illegible] To young Christians [illegible] their ignorance and prejudice.

In the afternoon text Job XXI.14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways—

1861

Dec 1 In the forenoon Mr. McLeod
[illegible] preached from 1 Cor. X chap. 1-11 vs.
Watchfulness against temptation.

Dec 7 Last Saturday came home.
Yesterday Mr. McLeod preached from first
1 Cor. Chap X, verses 15-33
[illegible] for the [illegible]

Dec 15 Rev. Mr. Dickinson preached in the
forenoon from John X. 10. I am come
that ~~ye~~ they might have life, and that they
might have it more abundantly.
His theme was the gain of being
a follower of Christ. There was something
more than an escape from the effects of
sin.
In the afternoon Matt. XVII. 1-2. "And
after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, &
John his brother, and bringeth them up
into a high mountain apart, and was
transfigured before them."
Subject – The transfiguration of
Christ. – The incidents attending it,
and the lessons to be learned from it.
In the evening Mr. McLeod de-
livered a lecture on the Sabbath.

Dec 22 Went home last Saturday.
Today Mr. McLeod preached in the

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[illegible] from 1 Cor. XI 1-16
In the afternoon from [illegible] III. [illegible]
In the evening from [illegible] XXIV. 2[illegible]
on the [illegible] of life

Dec 31 On Sunday last. Text 1 Cor. XI. 17-34. P.M. [illegible] XXIII. 6. Mr. A. McLeod.
This morning witnessed the eclipse [illegible] [illegible] come to the close of a [illegible] and eventful year, and may say that it has been one to me personally [illegible] than usually prosperous. And so, old year, farewell.

1862

[illegible] 12 Last Sunday Mr. McLeod stated in his morning sermon that [illegible] deaths had occurred in town during the past year. Four of the deceased were aged, four [illegible] children; the rest ranged from twenty to sixty five. In the afternoon [illegible] Ho. XI. 26

" Went home on Friday last.
[illegible] Rev. [illegible] the Minister of the [illegible] Church, preached in the forenoon from Ps. CXXXVII. 5,6. Attachment to the [illegible] was shown in a remembrance of [illegible] public worship, in sympathy [illegible] because it is the place of our second birth, the place of divine manifestation.
In the afternoon Mr. McLeod preached from Rom. III. 23.

18[illegible]

1862 [illegible] letter [illegible]
from the [illegible] chap. of the [illegible]
In the afternoon attended the [illegible] Methodist
church. Mr Hatch the presiding elder
preached from Luke XVI. 25

[illegible] Rain with thunder.

" [illegible] heard Rev. Mr [illegible]
of the Boston Recorder [illegible]
the afternoon. [illegible]

" Saturday, the 2[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Rev. Mr. McLeod, Rev. Mr. Mc[illegible]
[illegible]ld, & Rev. Mr. Josiah [illegible]
[illegible]
flag display [illegible].

To-day have been [illegible]
some articles in [illegible]
[illegible] newspaper in favor of [illegible]
[illegible]ment. [illegible]
[illegible] the Shakers.

[illegible] 2 Rev. Mr. McLeod preached [illegible]
from 1 Cor. XV. 35 to end of chap. [illegible]
John III. 18--20

Mar. 2 Last Wednesday I went to Boston [illegible] College [illegible] the [illegible] from the [illegible], [illegible] Medical [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] them.

[illegible]

Mar. [illegible] the Harvard School, Boston, [illegible] delivered the address to the graduating class. Dissertations were read by [illegible] the candidates for graduation, [illegible] by Prof. [illegible] Prof. [illegible] Pratt [illegible] from [illegible] which [illegible] deceased. The graduating class had 51.

[illegible]

8. [illegible]

tion, [illegible] sick

attended with depression of strength

asthmatic breathing, loss of appetite &c. See

also Apr 4th, 5th, 11th & 16th. [illegible]

[illegible]

A severe sickness [illegible], now 82 years [illegible]

Smith was at home from Apr 5 to

Sleighing continued through the

of March and sleigh[illegible]

first days of April.

Have been [illegible]

[illegible] of Motley's History of the United [illegible]

The United Provinces had revolted [illegible]

King of Spain, Philip II. The [illegible]

[illegible]

a religious war. The sovereign[illegible]

The Estates, which were [illegible]

and these municipalities

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] This body

[illegible]

of the Provinces. The [illegible]

[illegible]

Assembly, the States [illegible]

[illegible]

The King of Spain [illegible]

[illegible] his nephew, an Italian.

[illegible] Alexander [illegible]

Vol. II. This History of [illegible] begins in 15[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Chap. II [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible]
of his mother was dissimulating [illegible]
the Dutch.

Chap. III [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] of the English [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

Chap. IV. The States [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] between Spain & France [illegible]
[illegible] the Dutch envoys.

Chap. V. The siege of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] to the Prince of Parma.

Chap. VI. Negociations with Queen
Elizabeth & arrival of Sir Philip Sidney
at Flushing.

Chap. VII. The Earl of Leicester [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. General of the Provinces. Wrath of the
[illegible] with the Earl thereupon.

Chap. VIII. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
Queen Elizabeth & some of her counsellors [illegible]
order, in which the English were [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expected from [illegible]

[illegible]

May 28. Went to Boston. Heard the [illegible]
of Dr. Bowditch's address before [illegible]
Society at the anniversary, on [illegible]
of Consumption in Massachusetts.

June 3 Went to Salem

[illegible] 10 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

June 22 Rev. Mr Brooks [illegible]
[illegible] Medford. A good [illegible]

June 23. Went home.

June 24. Met with Dr Kittredge, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in Boxford.

[illegible]
Bradford. [illegible]
Batchelders in Boxford.

July 3. Met again [illegible]
formed the operation [illegible]
[illegible] nearly two [illegible]
calcareous substance [illegible]
[illegible] ([illegible] 6.7) [illegible]

July 4. No alteration [illegible]

[illegible]

was killed on the [illegible] [illegible]
from [illegible] while riding [illegible]
water in the face - his foot [illegible]
the stirrup [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in a few minutes & two [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
returned.

July 6. A very hot day.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

July 16. Attended commencement at [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
before [illegible] [illegible] the 13th Regiment [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. The Regiment left the next
day for the seat of war.

Have been at home several times for the
last six weeks. Father is ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the effects of which he has suffered [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the 12th [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] offered [illegible]
[illegible] for three years service [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] himself [illegible]
[illegible] afterwards.

[illegible] today

[illegible] his injuries would not

expect him [illegible] miles.

[illegible]

the Sunday. [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

from last week [illegible]

[illegible]

nine months service [illegible]

Last week the [illegible]

was removed to Beaufort [illegible]

Island. The 57th, 60th, [illegible]

are there. I saw the 57th on [illegible]

[illegible] They are expecting to [illegible]

the [illegible] to-morrow [illegible]

[illegible] home last [illegible]

[illegible]

since I saw him two days

did not seem to recognize

me always has when I [illegible]

him before.

Mr Daniel [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr McDonal [illegible]

[illegible]

thy hands O Lord I commend my spirit

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The 40th Regiment left [illegible]

[illegible] perfect boys for the [illegible]

[illegible]

Sept 15 My father departed this life [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] fall [illegible]

been [illegible] in unconscious state for ma[illegible]

[illegible] the last [illegible]

[illegible]ern. So easy was his depart[illegible]

could not tell the exact m[illegible]

Monday, and [illegible]

[illegible]day, [illegible] home [illegible]

at eight o'clock. I think [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]noon. Rev. Mr Bacon of Essex [illegible]

[illegible]t.

My Father's age was 82 years and 6 mont[illegible]

[illegible], having been born March 21st 17[illegible]

Sept 20 I went home Saturday, the 20th, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

has received a commission [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] Regiment [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] rainy.

E. Allen died Sept. 12. 1862

[illegible] history of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 15th [illegible]

[illegible] IX – XX. [illegible]

[illegible] Oct 2. 1586 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was dreadful, [illegible]

[illegible] back, [illegible]

the battle-field. he passed [illegible]

[illegible] to the well known [illegible]

[illegible] necessity is even [illegible]

[illegible]

being broken in pieces, [illegible]

[illegible] surgeon of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]-table. [illegible]
his [illegible] upon his death
[illegible] he [illegible] and [illegible]
conversed with his friends concerning the
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] of that [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with the revelation of [illegible]
and with the [illegible] of natural [illegible]
He [illegible] his will with [illegible]
ate provisions, leaving bequests, [illegible]
[illegible] to all his friends, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] particularly to a stranger [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] pressed [illegible]
[illegible] he [illegible] entitled [illegible]
[illegible] He took leave of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to his brother Robert, [illegible]
[illegible]. Farewell my friends, [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] affection [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the will of this world [illegible]
all be vanities."
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] flight".
Socrates [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
and depression of the [illegible]
[illegible]

Aug. 8 My Dear Mother has departed this life to enter upon a better. She died the 5th inst. at half past one P.M. in the eightieth year of her age, having been born on the 10th of March 1784. Her death was hastened by an accident which occurred about 11 o'clock A.M. on the fourth of July. She had walked down into the lane, when stepping upon a flat stone, she lost her balance and fell prostrate, breaking a bone at the hip probably, the ~~t~~ neck of the femur of the left side. She was carried into the house in a chair and laid upon her bed from which she never rose again - She lingered a month and a day. It is a source of comfort that she probably did not fully realize her physical sufferings. The accident seemed to affect her mind equally with her body. Yet she continued to recognise us until a very few days before her death. She died without a struggle or a groan. Her end was peace.

1863 We buried her on Thursday the 6th. at half past four. P.M. by the side of Father. The Rev. Mr. Bacon of Essex conducted the funeral services. Her loss creates a void which can never be filled. May her memory be ever fresh and green

1865
Nov. 30 Saw a remarkable phenomenon this evening, such as I never saw or heard of before, though it may have been seen by others, — a rainbow in the evening, — caused by the light of the moon, ~~now~~ which is now approaching its full. The air was full of mist & it was storming slightly while the moon shone out between the clouds. The rainbow occurred between 6 & 7 o'clock.

Dec. 1–4 Friday morning was uncommonly dark from cloudiness. Yesterday, attended a farmer's auction. Things sell well at country auctions.

Sunday. Rev. John Adams preached. Mr Adams writes good sermons, — better, I think, than the average of the sermons of clergymen hereabouts. In the evening, heard, at the Methodist church, Rev. Mr Jones, a minister & formerly a slave, — a fugitive slave, — a man of some talent, and force of character. Holding such a man in Slavery is one of the worst commentaries upon the slave system. Thank Heaven, that slavery is dead.

1865
Dec 4, Monday, – had an interview with Mr. N. P. Dutton, – he informs me that he is pleasantly situated in his Parish at [illegible].

" 5 attended the quarterly meeting of the Essex South Med. Soc. at Plummer Hall, Salem. Present Drs Cox, President; Choate, Sec; Hunt, Pierson, Perkins, Mack & Wilson. Dr Perkins showed a specimen of false membrane from the trachea, – a complete cast of the tube. The membrane also extended beyond the bifurcation of the trachea, and the forms of the bronchi were seen.

6 Read the President's Message. [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] of the oppressed [illegible].

7 [illegible]

" 8 [illegible] in sleigh to North Andover to [illegible] an old wood-chopper, who lives with his wife in a shanty in the woods. – Condition wretched in the extreme.

9 [illegible] cold [illegible]. Thermometer [illegible] below zero.

" 10–11 [illegible] snow [illegible] in the North Andover woods. – [illegible] held a prayer-meeting. Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of us has been formed; [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] paper and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] publications were selected [illegible]
[illegible] a few evenings ago. [illegible]
[illegible], Good Words, The Round [illegible]
[illegible], Harper's Magazine, At[illegible]
[illegible], New Englander, [illegible]
[illegible] the American Review. Some of these
to furnish substantial reading, [illegible]
[illegible] will be contained in others. [illegible]
[illegible] at the meeting when the selection [illegible]

" 15 Visited the East School, taught by Miss [illegible]
E. Emerson.

" 20 [illegible] affords a good [illegible]
[illegible]

Judge Russell is dealing out justice
[illegible] high hand to rumsellers and other[illegible]
[illegible] County. He has sentenced [illegible]
[illegible] the State Prison for 25 years.

" 21 Visited the Lower Centre School, taught by
[illegible] E. Batchelder. 69 Scholars. School
too small, wretched accommodations for
[illegible] its size. taught by Miss Mary E. [illegible]

" 22 Visited the primary School, village, and [illegible]
[illegible] School, taught by Miss Rosa [illegible].

" 26 [illegible] forenoon. [illegible]
[illegible] that fast which [illegible]
[illegible] 14 [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] mometer in the morning [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

1. Another year is gone, & [illegible] to have transpired great and [illegible] importance in their bearing [illegible] the welfare and prosperity and glory of [illegible] Country, — the downfall of the Rebellion, the assassination, the [illegible] abolishment of slavery throughout the national domain, &c. [illegible] begins in which events of [illegible] less moment are to be settled [illegible] the reconstruction of the [illegible] and the amelioration of the condition of the freedmen.

Went to church in the afternoon. [illegible] persons, females, were received into the church. The mercury has been below zero [illegible].

Jan. 1st went to tea-party at Rexford. Cleared $130.

Jan. 4th. Attended the Fair of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. They netted $[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] thermometer [illegible]
degrees below zero. Other thermometers [illegible]
to have been 18 and 20 below.

11. 12 Went to Salem.

14 [illegible] Rice of D[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] He is afflicted [illegible]
[illegible] after this the judgment.

[illegible]

[illegible]

16 [illegible] to Boston. Saw the Siamese Twins.
[illegible]
[illegible] joined at the lower extremity of
the [illegible] by a ligament [illegible] inches
[illegible] and 8 inches in circumference. [illegible]
[illegible] one of them (the [illegible]
[illegible], I think it is Chang) [illegible]
[illegible] pulsate. It is the opinion of [illegible]
this country and in Europe that [illegible]
could not be separated without a [illegible]
[illegible]. They are equally affected
[illegible] had smallpox, measles, fever [illegible]
as well as headache. Each immediately
[illegible] to any movement of the other [illegible]
[illegible] born in Siam in 1811, came to
[illegible] in 1829, married sisters.
nine children living, one has lost [illegible]
[illegible] ten years old [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] pastor, [illegible] colporteur [illegible] the people of the congregation [illegible]. An interesting speaker and [illegible] man. In the afternoon [illegible] Methodist conference. Also discoursed [illegible] denominational affairs.

[illegible] met Dr [illegible] town.

[illegible] the centre schools. In evening [illegible] Society [illegible]

[illegible] South School. The [illegible] teacher, Miss Hammond is doing finely. Was elected [illegible] the school committee. Superintend[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Romans XII. [illegible] from Hebrews.

16 17 [illegible] visited east school. [illegible] received a letter from [illegible] at [illegible] N. H. giving information of our relatives in N. H. Uncle John died about [illegible] years [illegible]

Oct 6 [illegible] Kilborn left [illegible]
[illegible] and two [illegible] sons [illegible]
[illegible] in Boston [illegible]
There were five of the Kilburn family [illegible]
[illegible] and four sons. [illegible]
[illegible] Walter, Francis, and John Adams
[illegible] father is dead. He was a lawyer,
I hope to visit that section of New Hampshire
before many years.
[illegible] today went to Salem.
[illegible] school. [illegible]
[illegible] school. afternoon. [illegible]
[illegible] common schools [illegible]
[illegible]
20 Visited Senior Centre School, afternoon
26 Sunday A.M. Heard Mr. McLoud. [illegible]
[illegible] who is an interesting preacher
[illegible] and is a promising young [illegible]
[illegible] His views on important moral and
[illegible] subjects are in accord
with the demands of the times.
[illegible] Primary School. forenoon
[illegible] Examination [illegible] South School. afternoon
[illegible] weeks in length.
4 Mr. McLoud preached forenoon. Heard [illegible]
[illegible] afternoon. In evening Mr. [illegible]
presented the claims of the Order of Good Templars
[illegible]

[illegible] Annual town meeting. [illegible]
[illegible] 6. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
for the support of schools.

" 7 Attended Medical Commencement at Boston. About 60 graduates. [illegible] Storer made the address to the graduating class.
Dr. Ephraim Cutter showed the interior of the larynx, trachea, [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] naturale.

" 9 Called to sister of C. H. Holmes [illegible] [illegible] in her chair [illegible]

" 10 Went to Salem. [illegible]
" 11 [illegible] Nat Coffin [illegible]

" 14 Attended Methodist Exhibition, [illegible]
" 15 - 16 Was present at Mrs David G. Perkins [illegible] Society thursday eve. Friday, afternoon visited & examined East School.

" 17 Rev. A. McLeod preached.
" 22 Examined Centre Schools.
" 23 Examined North School.
" 26 Attended church yesterday. [illegible] another snow. Rode with sleigh to-day.
" 31 [illegible]

[illegible]

5 [illegible] [illegible] commenced. [illegible] [illegible] in the House.

6 Went to Danvers to Essex Co. [illegible] Association, Exercises of a class of children in [illegible], where [illegible], Supt. [illegible] of [illegible] addressed the members of the Association [illegible] [illegible].

11 [illegible] Contracted [illegible] [illegible] Robert printed

13 Green, the murderer hanged to-day. [illegible] according to Gov. Andrew, whose [illegible] before the Council of 1865 was a most able and convincing one.

[illegible] [illegible] premium [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] constitutions and [illegible]
[illegible] Democracy in America [illegible]
[illegible] met the opinion [illegible]
Union would not be maintained [illegible] states seceded. [illegible] in a [illegible] states would succeed.

Read [illegible] Sumner's speech on the [illegible] in the [illegible], on the [illegible] a speech worthy of the author.

[illegible] the following [illegible] pages.

(i.e. Episcopalians)

16 We are quite aware also, that we must [illegible]
[illegible]
of the world. [illegible] all [illegible]
and imposing ceremonies of a national church, the
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible]
to them are not for us. [illegible]
[illegible] quality of the [illegible]
[illegible]
these advantages."

21 Went to Salem.

22 Heard [illegible] Huntington of [illegible]
preach, afternoon. Has a gospel [illegible]
[illegible] Gladstone's address at the close of his [illegible]
as Rector of the University of Edinburgh. [illegible]
[illegible] in the providential order of the world. [illegible]
[illegible] There is much that is extraordinary [illegible]
[illegible] with it that [illegible]
[illegible] it, but that did not [illegible]
[illegible] of it, [illegible] for the [illegible]
this [illegible] for the occupation of this [illegible]
[illegible] enjoyment that the [illegible]
the counsels of Providence ordained [illegible]
to the Gospel, might have its [illegible] &c.

25 [illegible] Hamilton [illegible]
[illegible] to Salem.

6 [illegible]

1866

[illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] ~~to~~ m[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

" 10 [illegible] [illegible] appeared to-day.

" 11 [illegible] [illegible] appeared to-day.

" 12 Heard Rev. Mr Mesrout preach in the evening at the [illegible] meeting. He is the [illegible] new minister.

" 25 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Went to John Whitridge's Hamilton [illegible] to see his daughter sick with fever.

" 17 Last Monday was present at the [illegible] of Humphrey Perley's house [illegible] burnt. [illegible] fire probably from [illegible] from the chimney [illegible] the house [illegible] feet.
Apple trees in blossom.

" [illegible] [illegible] "Good Words" [illegible] English Periodical. It has a high [illegible] tone, a literary [illegible] and is altogether [illegible] excellence.

" 20 Attended meeting afternoon.

" 24 Went to Hamilton.

" 28 [illegible] Hamilton [illegible] the better of typhoid fever. Saw there Rev. Mr [illegible] of Wenham Neck and Rev. Mr [illegible] of Hamilton.

1860

[illegible] 8. [illegible] Hall [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] tetanus [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible].
[illegible] (Nov. 30) heard most [illegible]
[illegible] before the [illegible]
[illegible] Hall. Speeches by [illegible]
anniversary Chairman, Dr Shattuck, [illegible]
[illegible], Dr [illegible] [illegible]
Dr Collins Dr [illegible]
[illegible] Heard the great
[illegible] [illegible] meeting of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in hospital gangrene.
" 16 [illegible] Sunday heard Rev. [illegible]
[illegible] preach on the [illegible] from 1 K[illegible]
Chap V. verse 14. "And they were [illegible] month [illegible]
[illegible] and two months at home".
Last Saturday [illegible] was called to [illegible]
[illegible] of Bedford. [illegible]
[illegible] before [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

[illegible]

to [illegible] [illegible] up in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a little before nine o'clock, he shot about
7½ that [illegible] and shot marks about [illegible]
lower part of the abdomen, one large shot hole
another made by small pigeon shot and
[illegible] somewhat larger than pigeon shot. On
[illegible] side 3 inches or more from stomach
felt a shot under the skin, removed it
was a buck shot, having ~~the shape~~ marks of the mould
and a flat face. Considered the wound as
[illegible] with danger to life.
Gilman was arrested and examined before
[illegible] B. Fenney of Georgetown. [illegible]
[illegible], and held for trial. Is now in jail at
[illegible] [illegible] Gilman [illegible]
[illegible] bail. The complaint
[illegible] by George [illegible] Esq. charging
with assault with attempt to kill. [illegible]
[illegible] at the shooting [illegible]
[illegible] to that fact. Gilman claims to have
[illegible] in self defence. [illegible]
upon and exasperated Gilman, who [illegible]
[illegible] years of age.
[illegible] present at the trial in Georgetown and
testified to the wound. Gen. Cogswell [illegible]
[illegible] for the prisoner. The bonds are $[illegible]
[illegible] will probably recover.

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[illegible] 30. Read in the Round Table [illegible] a notice of [illegible] distinguished Danish [illegible] he found in his researches [illegible] that the American continent [illegible] by the Scandinavians and others [illegible] the eleventh to the fourteenth [illegible]

July 1 [illegible] to Salem June 1683 [illegible] the Isle of [illegible] [illegible] First Church [illegible] Congregational church in this town -

" 3. Went to Hamilton -

" 4 [illegible] to the children who burned [illegible] and had a good time. -

Aug. 1. Weigh 167½ pounds -

" 2. Was called to see a woman at the place of the late Joseph Wildes. Found [illegible] a short time before I arrived [illegible] to a female child. She was returning [illegible] to her home in Ipswich. Carried her home to I. and left her comfortable. -

" 17 Went to Boston, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1866

Aug 19 Rev. [illegible] of Bristol, Vt. preached in the forenoon — and last Sunday of the same. [illegible] Rev. Mr. Lord preached this afternoon.

" 21 Went to Camp Meeting. Heard a discourse on the words "How shall ye escape if you neglect so great salvation."

" 24 Attended camp meeting in the afternoon. Saw friends and old acquaintances.

" 27 Heard Mr Morris at the M. E. Church morning. Mr. [illegible]worth of the A. M. Association in the afternoon, and John Turner, a freedman in the evening —

" [illegible] Went to Hamilton. Saw friends.

" 30 Examined Mrs Crane, post mortem, found disease of mitral & tricuspid valves of heart, and considerable hypertrophy, perhaps, effusion in pericardium, and in chest, and adhesions of [illegible] also contraction of the calibre of pyloric orifice of the stomach.

Sept 6. Attended commencement [illegible], the exercises of the graduating class were I should think above the average of those exercises generally. Brown University is flourishing under the presidency of Dr. Barnas Sears, under a different system however from that pursued when I was a member of the Institution. The reforms intro-

[illegible] by Dr. [illegible] had long been so per-
fected in part to the American college system.
[illegible] hundred and fifty thousand dollars
have been subscribed towards increasing
the funds of the college, a part with the
understanding that the sum shall be
increased to two hundred and fifty thou-
sand dollars.
A very marked change was apparent
since I was last there, thirteen years ago.
Now only two or three of the class with whom
I, for the most part studied.

Sept. 18 Went to Salem through South Danvers.
Many years since I was in the latter
place, except in the cars. The place has
improved much, - some fine residences
have been built as well as the Peabody
Institute.

" 28 Read to-day an article in the New Englander
by Prof. Sanborn of Dartmouth College on "The
Relation of Thought to Language," in which
the quotations from the classics remind me
of the Fall term at Hanover in 1850. I did not
know before that Prof. S. writes for the lit-
erary magazines.

Sept. 16th attended church at Hamilton. Mr. [illegible]
Danvers preached. I have not been to meeting [illegible]

1866

Sometime on Sunday since residing in [illegible]field before this occasion. Nine years have made a very remarkable change in the people of the place.

Sept 26th Wednesday. Attended Cattle Show in Haverhill, had never in H. before. Went on R Road stopped at Haverhill bridge, left cars at bridge walked over bridge into H. A particularly good exhibition of fruit, vegetables, and articles of domestic industry. A rainy day.
Judge [illegible] Ford said some very good things in his able address — conservative man as he is.

Oct. 1. Have read within a few days in the New Englander an article on the Episcopal Church of Connecticut probably by Dr Leonard Bacon — one on the Fisher's Life of Silliman by Prof. D[illegible] and another on Renan's book on the Apostles, by [illegible] — Renan appears to be a thorough infidel.

" 3. Finished reading Boston Review, Conservative Congregational Quarterly. Much in the latter of reviews in religious periodicals to refute the infidelity and heresy of the times.

Oct. 11. Went to Lawrence yesterday. Testified before the Grand Jury on the Gilman's [illegible] case.

. 11th Finished reading an article in the N. American Review on Modern Italian Poets — the beauties contained in some extracts translated from the original of Giacomo Leopardi create a desire for further acquaintance with his writings.-

Nov 26 [illegible] Have read the N. A. Review for Octo [illegible] pleasing piece on the [illegible] of the Fine Arts.

The misgovernment of the city of New York is well set forth in Article IV.

I also interested in the Article on the National Debt. Should like [illegible]

There is a good article on the Johnson Reaction.

[illegible] to Boston, Heard Dr. Brown-Sequard deliver the opening lecture before the Medical Class. He considered some of the [illegible] which physiologists have labored [illegible] The pronunciation of the [illegible] lecturer was so indistinct that it was difficult to follow the thread of his discourse. The foreign accent was very marked.

The election news is most [illegible].

28 [illegible] before Thanksgiving. [illegible] attended the [illegible] of Rev. [illegible] Richardson at [illegible] [illegible] by Rev. M. L. Richardson, [illegible] the Pastor, and [illegible] Richardson -

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of [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible] prayer) by [illegible] [illegible] Charge to Pastor [illegible] Rev [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] exercises.) The council of course dismissed Rev E Dow and recommended him to the churches as a sincere Christian and an earnest preacher of the gospel. Mr Richardson is a young man from [illegible], a graduate of the last class at Andover.

20th Wed went to Boston. Called on Dr [illegible] & E P Whipple in relation to a course of Lectures to be delivered in this town the coming winter before the Young Ladies Benevolent Society. Dr Holmes declines calls to lecture. Mr Whipple will come.

21st Thurs, went to a Festival of the Methodist Episcopal Society, thinly attended. the proceeds were understood to go towards the minister's salary.

The last four days have had a feverish attack causing considerable indisposition.

A note has been received from Rev [illegible] Manning who will lecture.

Dec 10 [illegible] Nov 29th [illegible] at Bethany [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] a message from Mrs. [illegible]
Elliott.

Sunday Dec. 2. Mr. [illegible] of [illegible] preached in forenoon. Prof. [illegible] of Bowdoin College in afternoon.

Tuesday Dec. 4th attended Essex South [illegible] Society at Salem.

Rev. T. C. Mr. McLord gave a discourse on the 25th anniversary of his settlement. It is to be hoped the discourse will [illegible] be printed.

Dec. 11. Dec. 11th Went to Boston. Saw Rev. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] with regard to [illegible].

Dec. 12. Anniversary of Mr. McLord's settlement was commemorated in [illegible]. Music by choir, a part of [illegible]. Speech & presentation of 11[illegible]83 dollars to the Pastor by [illegible] Cleaveland. Speech by Rev. Mr. Coffin. at the Church, afterwards at Union Hall, was supper for invited guests, and speeches by several gentlemen. Asahel Huntington presided. Admittance to Hall 25 ct. Children 12 cents. From the [illegible] obtained at the hall the [illegible] to Mr. McLord was raised to $1600.

1866 Dec 13 Rev. R. [illegible] delivered his [illegible] lecture on [illegible] at the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Dec. 25. Christmas Festival & Exhibition by Methodist Sabbath School at Union Hall. A full attendance.
Has been but one week of sleighing thus far this winter, from the 17th to the 23rd.
The year closes in a snow storm.

1867
Jan. 8 On the evening of Jan. 8 Judge [illegible] Russell lectured here on the [illegible] of [illegible] & the Future of Peace. [illegible]
[illegible]
Jan. 15th Edwin P. Whipple lectured [illegible]
Jan. 17th Great Snow Storm. Roads [illegible]
Jan. 18th [illegible] C. Clapp, on the [illegible] [illegible] of midwifery.
Jan. 21 [illegible] to [illegible] again. [illegible] on foot.

Dec. 31. Journal writing has been neglected this year.
The Lectures of last winter proved a success.
The lecturers, not mentioned above in this journal were Rev. J. C. Fletcher, Subject - Brazil & Tropic Lif

1867 Rev. J. Oramel Peck, - two lectures, "The Coronation of Labor", and "The Spirit of Caste". and Rev. George W. Briggs D. D. subject; Robertson. The fees paid were as follows:-

J. M. Manning		50 00
Thomas Russell		31 50
E. P. Whipple		40 00
J. C. Fletcher		30 00
J. O. Peck	(two lectures)	50 00
G. W. Briggs		25 00

The total of expenses was $306.41

Went to Newburyport in the Spring and saw the fine launch of the beautiful Ship "Erie". This vessel is one of a number to sail between Boston and Liverpool. The "Ontario" was built at Newburyport previously and has made a number of voyages ~~betw~~ to Liverpool already. The "Erie" has not yet been to sea yet. at least have not heard of its sailing.

Oct. 29. Attended a convention at Middleton to nominate a candidate for representative. to the General Court. from the district comprising

1867 the towns of Topsfield, Middleton, Lynnfield & Saugus. Topsfield sent two delegations or rather two delegations went from Topsfield. The delegation of which I was a member claimed the right to seats in the convention because we received a majority of the Republican votes thrown in a regular caucus of the Republican Party. The meeting was regularly called by the Republican town committee. The Republicans met at the time and place appointed. It was then found that the Democrats, "copperheads" P.L.L.s &c were assembled in large force, with the intention evidently of controling the meeting. When the meeting was organized the Democrats voted. In the ballot for delegates the Democrats voted. When the votes were counted it appeared that the tickets for which the Democrats voted was one vote ahead of our tickets. Or rather five names on their ticket were ahead. The other two names of the whole seven were not ahead. There was a tie. In looking over the check list it appeared that there were from 17 to 20 Democrats and others not Republicans, whose names were checked and who voted. We had positive evidence that five or six of those voted for the opposition ticket. It was thought at the time that every one of those Democrats &c voted against us. From what has been said since, I think that one of them may have voted for us.

Our opponents rallied the Democrats and brought them to the meeting, and urged them up to the polls, - they advocated their voting, and claimed that they had a right to vote in a Republican caucus. There is no doubt that the Democrats & others not Republicans voted against us in a body, with perhaps one exception, - so that our delegation received a majority of the Republican votes cast. The Secretary of the meeting, Mr Stites, gave us credentials stating that we received a majority of the Republican votes. The chairman, Maj. Conant certified that if none but Republicans had voted, we should have been elected by a respectable majority. The convention gave each delegation fifteen minutes to present their case, after which the convention spent a considerable amount of time in filibustering with the design of uniting the conflicting interests of the Topsfield delegations. Those delegations finally met, and agreed upon J. Perkins Towne as a candidate.

1867 Both delegations were then admitted, and Mr Towne nominated by the convention. There was no justice in admitting the other delegation, but the delegates from the other towns, a majority of them were politicians, and went in for expediency, rather than moral principle.

On Election Day, Nov 5th J. Perkins Towne received in Topsfield 110 votes. John Bailey 110. 8 John H. Potter 1. Mr Towne had in the district seventeen (17) plurality and was elected.

Nov. 6. Went to Boston. Heard Dr. O. W. Holmes deliver a good, may say excellent introductory lecture to the Medical Class.

Nov. 16. Thomas Hoyt called on me. Had not seen him for more than twelve years. He has been in the Sumatra pepper trade.

Nov. 16. At Boston. Saw Madame Ristori in the play of "Marie Antoinette". She is a distinguished Italian tragedienne. She makes a splendid appearance. An artist of great talent.

Went to Hamilton at Christmas, and stayed over night with Aunts.

Dec. 30. Weighed 179 pounds, without overcoat.

1868 Jan. 4 I intend to write more and read less the present year than the last. Have spent most of the day in reading the Eclectic Magazine, but doubt whether it be of more profit than half the time spent over the same periodical. Mean to read more books comparatively than magazines and newspapers. Too much Magazine reading burdens the memory and it may be, injures its power of retaining what has been read. Where one reads all his leisure time, there is little or no time for reflection upon what he has read, and of course it makes little impression upon the mind. Some articles may never be thought of again. Interesting books especially those of history where we follow the thread of events as unfolded upon their pages, cannot but be more ~~equally~~ profitable than desultory reading. In our Magazine club, comprising about fifteen members the present year, we shall take five different periodicals,— The Atlantic Monthly, Harper's Monthly Hours at Home. Littell's Living Age, and the Congregational Review. From two to four of the longer articles, or an equivalent

1868 of shorter articles, of each magazine, carefully read, are doubtless better than going over double that amount of reading.

1869
Apr. 28. Yesterday (Tuesday) attended the
[illegible] Council held in this
town at the Congregational Church
called by the pastor and church [illegible]
[illegible] with regard to the [illegible]
of the pastoral relation. Churches [illegible]
[illegible] Boxford, Linebrook [illegible]
[illegible] Church Ipswich, Rev. Mr [illegible]
[illegible] Rev. Mr French [illegible] Topsfield [illegible]
[illegible] Rev. Mr Palmer's Church, Salem [illegible]
[illegible] Church Salem Rev. Mr [illegible], Danvers Rev.
Mr Rice. Georgetown Memorial Church [illegible]
. Rev. Mr Coggin of Boxford was [illegible]
Rev. Mr Palmer was chosen Moderator
Mr French Scribe.
[illegible] Mr [illegible] made a statement [illegible]
years of support & opposition in the [illegible]
[illegible] him to ask a council. Deacon [illegible]
[illegible] church com. offered a statement
[illegible] to [illegible] Mr [illegible] but
[illegible] answers.

in an early Church Com-
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] said [illegible] passed
when in putting in [illegible] [illegible] for the
the [illegible] to leave. as the opposition [illegible]
[illegible] Sabbath & [illegible] preaching. The Council
did not allow any evidence to be admitted
except that of the majority of the Church
Committee, who i.e. the majority were supposed
to ~~to~~ be favorable to the other [illegible].
The council advised the immediate dissolution of the pastoral relation, and gave the [illegible] a high recommendation.

1870
Ap. 18 Among the events of the last two years which should be noted is the [illegible] that occurred in the winter of 1869, & on and onward. It was mostly in the Methodist Society. A deep & extensive religious awakening. The young [illegible] brought ~~to~~ extensively to commence a new life. Hardly a family connected with the Methodist Society where there were young persons, even if there [illegible] one family, but had a visitation of mercy. The angel of peace & hope passed ~~[illegible]~~ by but few homes. It was a genuine [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

life of many. I think one fifth of them
admitted to the Methodist Church &
a small number to the Congl Church.

Another event. the excited election 1868
in this Congressional District on account
of running an opposition candidate, —
(R. H. Dana, Jun) to Genl Butler.
Genl Kilpatrick came to advocate
the claims of Mr Dana, & the trustees
of the M. E. Church would not open the
only hall in the place, so a tent was
erected upon the common. Indiscreet
and offensive remarks were made from
the platform, which found a response
in some of the audience ~~from~~ who
were favorable to Genl Butler so that
Genl Kilpatrick found it difficult
to finish his speech from the interrup-
tions & confusion. He ought to have
been admitted to the Hall.
The nomination of a candidate in op-
position to Genl Butler was a very
illadvised one.

1870

Nov. 3. Yesterday went to Boston. Medical lectures commenced. Introductory by Dr. James C. White. He advocates an extension of time of medical study for receiving the degree of M.D. We are behind Europe in the standing of medical graduates, because we don't study sufficiently long & thorough. Medical students are advised to study the German language. Germany has been going ahead of France for the last twenty five years. Paris was at the head then. but now nine tenths of medical publications of value are in the German tongue. Students now go to Germany to Study. (Vienna) instead of France.

Today Republican Convention at Lynnfield to nominate a candidate for Representative to General Court. Mr Wilkins of Middleton was selected. Said to be in favor of a thorough prohibitory liquor law.

1870

Nov. 7 The Congregational Church has had the interior painted & renovated - been closed for a month past - was opened yesterday and a sermon appropriate to the occasion preached by Rev. M. S. Dickinson, late of Foxboro.

Today eve. Rev. I. J. P. Collyer lectured on temperance & prohibition at the M. E. Church. Spoke well for the cause of prohibition.

" 8. State Election. Voted for Prohibition of Sale of intoxicating drinks. Most interest on the vote for representative to General Court. As far as returns have come in the Republican and prohibition candidate is defeated by a large majority. The Democrats, Labor Reform Party, and disaffected unite on the opposition candidate, Hiram A. Stiles of Middleton, and he is probably elected

" 9. Vote for Governor as far as heard from Claflin 72,000, Adams 45,000, Phillips 20,000. Republican candidates for other offices elected about as usual. Legislature strongly republican, etc.

1870

Nov. 12 Heard Miss Nilsson sing at Music Hall Boston. Shall remember the tones of her voice a long time. In the stillness of the Hall, the lower notes drawn out at length, were heard to the remote parts of the room. She has a talent for tragedy, as appeared in one of her pieces. She sang among other pieces "Sweet Home" and "Down on Swanee River". I enjoyed these most. Her personal appearance and manners were very pleasing. Her step and carriage upon the stage showed that her abilities were more that ordinary. She was "facile princeps."

" 13
Sunday Mr Schauffer, of Andover Theological Seminary preached in an able manner. Especilly gifted in extemporaneous discourse. The son of the missionary, Schauffer.

Nov. 19 Went to Salem. Shall have back vols. of Boston Med. and Surg. Journal bound.

1870

Nov. 20 Mr Rogers of Andover Theolog. Seminary preached well
Texts Ps. XVII. 15. Romans XIV. 7, 8.

" 21 Attended a court at E. P. Hill's office Danvers. before Meade, Justice of the Peace. Olive Gould of Boxford sues Francis Curtis in an action of tort. Curtis' insane son injures her wrist. She sues for damages. Curtis' counsel pleas a demurrer on the ground that there is no authority for bringing an action against the father for an offence committed by the son. Facts & damages ($100) admitted. Case postponed to decide the law point, when defendant will see appear & agree to the decision or appeal as the case may be.
Hill for plaintiff, Northend for defendant.

" 25 Spent Thanksgiving at home. One day of delightful quiet enjoyment. Returned today.

" 27 Heard Mr Schauffer, afternoon, text the dying words of St. Paul. "For I am now ready to be offered," &c.
At vestry in evening he spoke without notes He is a gifted extempore speaker.

1870

Dec. 4 Has been a week of labor and anxiety.
In afternoon and evening heard Mr Collins of Andover Semin conduct the services.
Text. P.M. Luke XVII. 14-
And it came to pass, that as they went they were cleansed.

" 15 Last Sunday Rev. Wm M. Thayer Secy Temperance Alliance, preached. Heard him in the afternoon. text Judges XIII. 14. Sermon to mothers. Alcohol produced hereditary appetite in children. 2d should not drink wine on account of moral effect.
In evening at Methodist Church he spoke of two common mistakes. 1. That the use of weaker intoxicants was harmless. II. that children at School were too young to understand the temperance pledge.
Tuesday night went to Fair at Union Hall. object of proceeds to be appropriated to purchase of town clock.

1870

Dec. 26. Sunday, week ago yesterday, Student from Andover Theological Seminary preached. 23rd and 24th Methodist Fair. Yesterday. Rev. Mr. Tappan preached. A.M. text, Solomons Song, "He is altogether lovely". P.M. narration of St. Pauls shipwreck. Theme. Gods foreknowledge & Man's free agency.
To-day went to Hamilton. Christmas.

1871

Jan. 1 Rev. Mr Leach preached, interesting— spoke well. gave interesting reminiscences of travel in the Holy Land and the East.

" 8 Mr Woodworth of Andover Seminary gave good sermons. An extempore argument in the evening at vestry— did not address the sympathies of his hearers to the extent that some speakers do. Last week was the week of prayer. No more than ordinary religious interest.

" 16 Yesterday Rev. Mr Rockwood, agent of American Tract Society preached and presented the cause of that Society. Heard him in the Afternoon.

1871

Jan. 19 Went to Boston. Saw a model at an Art Store on Tremont St. of Windsor Castle cut in cork. An ingenious work. The main tower, 300 feet high to top of flag staff, was built by Wm. the Conqueror, the other portions by successive sovereigns. Model about 6 ft. by 10 ft. representing about 12 acres.

" 23. Yesterday Mr Gordon, of Pennsylvania, a member of Andover Theological Seminary preached to [illegible]. P.M. Matt. V. 6th.

Friday, 23rd very cold. Thermometer Morning, 10 below zero. 9½ A.M. −5. Noon 0. 3. P.M. +3. 8 P.M. +4. Some thermometers in other parts of the village in a temperature somewhat lower.

" 24 Some snow. – temperature 8. A.M. 0. M. +3. 4 P.M. +6. 8 P.M. +10

" 25 7½ A.M. +2. 9½ A.M. +10. 6.P.M.+2. 10. −4

" 26 7½ A.M. +2. 9½ A.M. +4. 1.P.M.+4
2½ P.M.+2. 5.P.M.+2. 9½ P.M.+4
Snowing afternoon and evening.

" 27 7½ A.M. +10. M. +27

" 28 7½ A.M. + 4.

1871

Jan 29. Snow. Visited patients.
" 31. Ride to Salem. Sleighing - some rain -

Feb. 22. On Sunday last, Mr Sprowls of Andover Seminary preached, heard him in the afternoon, text. Hebrews, III, 13, 14. More than usual are sick, - make about twenty calls a day, whooping cough an pulmonary diseases are most prevalent.

" 23 Went to Boston. Heard Elder Knapp preach at the Meionaon. Did not go in until the preacher had commenced. Heard him about half an hour. An old man, gray, long beard, a patriarchal aspect, below medium height, broad shoulders, thick set, but not corpulent. Voice not musical, rather harsh. - Style of delivery has nothing remarkable in it; plain, - simple gestures. he is interesting, has many amusing expressions, & interesting comparisons, as "some christians have just religion enough to make them uncomfortable" he wanted "to drive the devil out of Boston he had no business here". Some christians were "as dry as an Egyptian mummy". His discourse was addressed to professing christians for the most part. – he noticed various ways in which they said, by their acts it was a vain thing to serve God. Elder Knapp has an electric power difficult to describe, by which he exerts an uncommon influence upon his fellow men.

Feb. 27 Yesterday Rev. Mr Fitz preached – heard him in the afternoon & evening. Text. P. M. Acts IV. 12. Eve. Spoke on the last words of Jesus Christ as recorded in Acts 1. An interesting & able preacher. The relations of the Parish Committee with him make it somewhat likely that they will introduce him as to the people with a view to settlement. He preached here once before two weeks ago. Did not see him then –

1871

Mar. 15. Annual town meeting was held the 7th voted to establish a high school. voted against building a town house. was not in the meeting but a short time
Sunday, 12th heard Mr Fitz preach at a meeting of the church to night a strong expression was shown in favor of obtaining Mr Fitz as minister..
Not quite as much hurried in busin
Good travelling,—roads settled.
A remarkably pleasant March. Birds returned. vegetation started.

Apr. 21 A thunder shower - evening.
Have been two town meetings since the annual meeting, to vote on the question of building a town hall last meeting 71 in favor 107 against.
15th Apr. Dr Gilman Kimball of Lowell came to Topsfield & removed a cancerous breast from Mrs Hugh

" 23 Mr Scott of Andover Seminary preached. heard him afternoon and evening At the annual Parish meeting

in March, it was voted to extend
a call to
Rev Mr Fitts, late of West Boylston
to become the Pastor of this people.
His answer has not yet been given.
Have heard him preach two or three
sermons

Juned

May the second, town voted
62 to 32, not to authorize the
sale of beer, &c.
May third. attended at Linebrook
the installation of Rev. Benjamin
Howe as pastor of the church there.
May 26th. Friday, town meeting,
to see what the town would do with
regard to the fence built by Mr
B. P. Adams in Academy Avenue
~~Others~~ Some claimed that
the town owned the land between
B. P. Adams' land & Andrew Gould's
land. When the town only has right
of way over it.
It was voted 44 to 16 that the town
consider that Mr Adams has
built the fence on his own land.
May 30th Tuesday, made post mortem
examination of Benj. Glazier, found
tubercular disease of the omentum & mesentary, with adhesion of the descending

colon) obstruction of the intestine

Parish & Church, committees met last evening with Mr. Fitts to select the council for installing Mr Fitts as pastor of this Congregational church.

June 27. June 6 & 7. Attended annual meeting of Mass. Med. Society, went at 11½ o'clock, & returned at 3¼ o'clock each day. Heard essays read & the address by Dr H. J. Bigelow. was at the dinner in Music Hall.

Attended meeting at vestry this evening (June 21st). Mr Fitts was present & spoke upon the point, that those who receive the messengers of the Gospel in the right way are blessed equally with those who carry the Glad Tidings.

Mr Fitts is to be installed tomorrow

Aug 30. Was at Bunker Hill. July 28. and ascended the Monument. and observed the vast prospect -

1871

Nov. 7 The earthquakes of Oct. 26. 1869 and Oct. 20. 1870 should be mentioned. That of 1869 (If I am not mistaken in the year) occurred before light in the morning, course East to West. awoke me. Houses and furniture were very sensibly shaken.

The Earthquake of 1870 was in the forenoon,– was riding probably and did not notice it.

The remarkable gale of Sept. 8. '69 was from the South, lasted but a short time. blew down trees & fences. a hurricane.

Another event to be recorded here is the Musical Festival in Boston. A sea of people. Madame Parepa Rosa sang the Star Spangled Banner.

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Jan 1 A beautiful New years day. pleasant [illegible]

" 2 [illegible] to the Hall [illegible] to hear report of committee chosen at former meeting. Committee recommended that town meeting be called to see if the town will appropriate and furnish a room in the Hall for a Free Town Library. Warrant issued for a town meeting next Saturday night.

It is expected almost to a certainty that one will be obtained as a number of libraries, the old libraries in town, consisting of the library of the Ladies' Society, consisting of about 250 volumes, the Agricultural Library about 100 vols, the books of the Magazine club, about 100 vols. & those of the old town library, about 90 vols (this library was established about the year 1794)

Snow today, light, - went to [illegible] A.M. with wheels. P.M. rode with sleigh.

" 3 Attended meeting forenoon and evening [illegible] Study [illegible] thoughts [illegible] mortality. The week of prayer began.

4 Went to the prayer meeting at the vestry.

" Heard of the death of [illegible] B. Perley, died last night about 12 o'clock.

" [illegible] prayer meeting. [illegible] [illegible]

Jan. 7 Stormy. Snow & cold storm. Sleighing improved.
Held only a very small meeting of prayer to-night.

" 8 Attended meeting at vestry.

" 9 Attended town-meeting at the hall lower room.
It was voted to appropriate the south east lower room for a Town Library, provided that the town furnish the room with bookcases, &c. at an expense not exceeding $100.
The following persons were chosen a committee to establish the library, expend money collected for the purchase of books, make regulations for the library, &c., viz. N. A. Allen, J. Medford, Mr Fitts, H. Balch and myself.

10 Visited patients during the day. Attended meeting in the evening — the last meeting of the week of prayer. — I infer there is not much religious interest in the Town. Meetings have been thinly attended, but some of the brethren who have taken a part in the meetings [illegible] not to have taken [illegible]

1878 [illegible] inspected [illegible] amount of [illegible]
the [illegible]. I understand [illegible]
[illegible]
Jan 11 A [illegible] storm. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] feet. fine sleighing.
„ 12 Library Committee met [illegible]
[illegible]. Consulted with John H.
Potter who was present by invitation
about procuring the bookcases. He
will procure the sash doors for [illegible]
and make the cases -
~~[illegible]~~
„ 14 Went to Boston, made purchases, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] subscriptions & c.
Visited the State House. a few [illegible]
General court is in session -
15 Committee meeting. [illegible]
for the Library. Agreed to canvass the
town for subscriptions for the purchase
of books. The first district [illegible]
„ 18 Two children of [illegible] Chamberlain
died. a boy of 7 yrs. & girl of 4 yrs. boy [illegible]
sick about a week. had a bad throat
and high fever. The girl had very high
fever. Eruption came out well. [illegible]
Temperature of girl went up to 105°. that
of boy not quite as high.
[illegible] and in such cases the inhala-
tion of steam and tepid or cool baths [illegible]

1875 people about here are not yet prepared to have cold baths and on that account they have not been [illegible] operation as they otherwise have been

Jan. 26 The wedding of Mr. [illegible] Bartlett & [illegible] Cummings in this house.

Cold weather continues - now for about ten days. Was called out last night to attend a case of midwifery at the Jewell house at the East side, beyond the Fullers, and returned home at 3 o'clock in the morning when the thermometer indicated 18° below zero. It went two deg. lower i.e. -20 F.

Jan. 27 Miss Clara Wilder died this morning rather suddenly at last. Aged [illegible] of Pulmonary Consumption.

Feb. 1 Mrs Jane Hewes died today. Had cancer of breast removed by Dr. Kimball nearly four years ago, had neck of thigh bone broken some two years ago. Has been failing considerably the last fall & during the winter but was seized with [illegible] about ten days before she died. Became delirious from the first of the last attack.

11. After a severe and long continued cold term there comes a milder day with snow (wind S.E.) turning to rain.

18[illegible]

Oct. 11 Was called Tuesday A.M. at about 2
Octo 12. o'clock to visit child, girl [illegible] of Mr
J. Jackson's [illegible] who resides at the [illegible]
place in Bedford. She had been sick
the day previous, but the friends did
not consider her very sick until
noon — when she became wandering.
When I arrived she was delirious, had
severe rapidly [illegible] pulse, did [illegible]
[illegible] incoherently, temperature high
vomiting
pulse I think, much accelerated, but
very regular. Stayed until morning
& she was no better, — returned at
noon, she was unconscious and
died about one o'clock. Consid-
ered it cerebro-spinal meningitis.
Remedies had no effect.
18th Patient Samuel Clark, had
retention of urine, passed catheter sev-
eral times.
20th. Went to Boston.
22 Called to Mrs Lavinia P. Jones,
had haemorrhage of the stomach
[illegible], neither when last visited
a little more comfortable. Pres-
cribed acet. of lead.
24th Elmer Welch, scarlet fever. Attack
was severe, temperature one day

as high as 104° in the evening. Some days after the fever abated kidneys became affected, urine [illegible] thick — since March 12th attended [illegible] every day.

Have had several [illegible]

Mar. 2. Town Meeting. The officers generally re-elected. J. Bradstreet, A. H. [illegible] & S. D. Hood, selectmen.
It was voted to take measures to stock ~~Ho.~~ the ponds with black bass.
Jeremiah Balch was reelected a member of the school committee.
Have attended various meetings of the library committee, to select books to be purchased. Books to the amount of about $350.00 have been bought and it is expected to open the library tomorrow [illegible] for the issue of books.
Had deep snows about a month ago — sleighing continues — been sleighing since Jan 2nd except [illegible] in Feb.
Mar 7. Rev. S. F. Pike gave an instructive lecture on Africa at the Congl. Church.
Mar. 11. Attended an Entertainment at the Town Hall given by the ladies of the Congl. Society. Proceeds to go for the [illegible] the church edifice

1875
March 13. Public Town Library opened at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] About five hundred dollars have been contributed for the purchase of books most of which has been expended. With the new books together with the books of the old libraries, there is a collection which affords a large amount of good reading.

Mar. 14 Went to Bedford
Mrs Edward G. Batchelder died yesterday of Bright's disease. She has been sick a long time, began to prescribe for her in 1870. I think. Have been such long before - I have attended her through the winter, [illegible] [illegible] calls in the winter, - oedema of lower limbs, increasing dropsy, and at last had ascites, - legs became ulcerated, and finally mortified. A severe and distressing case of sickness.

20-30 20th Library club "The Island of Fire" Iceland, and "Till the Doctor comes".
23rd Went to Boston, purchased [illegible] Mitchell's Astronomy of the Bible - & ordered coat and overcoat - bought medicines —

27th [illegible] Day [illegible] [illegible] H. Clarke first [illegible] of the Human body.

29th [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] at the John Kelly place. Seemed to be [illegible] Colic, pulseless. Abdomen [illegible] Disease in the abdomen inflammation there. Thought it might not live through the night. Learned next morning that the child died about one o'clock the morning of the 30th.

30th Called to see David C. H. [illegible] Insane but not actively delirious — Entertains delusions. — despondent — [illegible] Parish Meeting, last Tuesday [illegible] Parish Committee C. Harrick, B. [illegible] [illegible] Towne, C. H. Holmes, & C. F. [illegible] [illegible] report was made of Committee upon the subject of Col. [illegible] [illegible] will. The committee bought of his daughter for one hundred and fifty dollars, all right, claim to any interest which they may be [illegible] have claimed.

Quite an interesting discussion [illegible] upon the question whether the [illegible] should be invested under the [illegible]

of the donation fund of the late
Col. Peter Bradstreet. [illegible]
given to the Parish by [illegible] Hannah Balch
as a memorial fund in memory of
her father and mother. It was finally
decided that the fund should be
called after its donor Col. P. Bradstreet,
only one, I. Todd voting in the negative.
It was voted to raise the salary of the
pastor from $1200 to $1400 the coming
year. Something more than $1200 dolls.
were raised by subscription the last
year.

Took wheels to-day, although there is
left much snow & ice yet.

Mar. 31 to Apr. 1. The birds, robins, bluebirds & sparrows appeared
the last days of March.

Apr. 1. Went to Boston-

" 4 & 5th Stormy. A meeting was held at
Town Hall, Monday eve, which I did
not attend, not hearing of it until after-
wards. I three delegates from the town to
attend the centennial at Lexington, the 19th.
The authorities of Lexington have sent
to the towns whose soldiers took part
in the battle, inviting them to send
delegates. [illegible] Pettis, J. Todd and T. B[illegible]
were chosen. The Topsfield com-

[illegible] of [illegible]
started for [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] by the State [illegible]
7th attended [illegible]
8th Fast. Notice was previously given by Mr Fitts that he would give a historical discourse on the battle of Lexington at the Town Hall in the forenoon. Did not attend. The course taken seems to be [illegible] away with the observance of Fast day as I understand, the minister [illegible]

Anna Peabody, an inmate of the alms house died the 5th aged 83 yrs.

11th Attended church A.M. & P.M. Mr Fitts preached in the morning on the duty of family worship. In afternoon

13th Tuesday. A snow storm continued through the night. considering [illegible] of the roads have to be [illegible] [illegible] deep drifts. [illegible] [illegible] through the 14th. Saml De Gro[illegible] of Danvers, came up in a sleigh to consult upon the case of Miss Lucinda Todd.

18. Attended church P.M. Mr Hall of [illegible] preached from the text "Lay hold on eternal life".

Ap/19 1875. Attended the Centennial celebra-
tions at Lexington and Concord.
Left home at 6¼ o'clock A.M., went to
the Fitchburg Station - proceeded there
with difficulty in the crowd. Reached
somewhat after 9 o'clock. Went to
Concord. Saw the place, many historical
spots, the more important ones - the
monument erected where the British
soldiers fell in the lane near the
end of the Bridge. The Image at the
of the minute man on the opposite
side of the river where the provin-
cial soldiers were drawn up, and
where Maj. Buttrick cried, "Fire
fellow soldiers, for God's sake fire."
A new rustic bridge has been built
over the river where the old bridge
was, over which the procession with
President Grant proceeded to the
higher ground beyond, called I think
the Provincial parade ground, where
were spread two large tents, one for
the dinner, the other for speeches.
Saw and heard something of Judge
Hoar, President of the day, of James R.
Lowell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Geo.
W. Curtis. The meeting being for

"Went to Lexington between 2 and 3 o'clock. Saw the President, [illegible] in a carriage passing the street to enter upon Lexington [illegible]. Two large tents were pitched on the common, one for the dinner, the other for the ball in the evening. In the latter were the statues in marble, just received, of John Hancock and Samuel Adams. There were more people at Lexington than at Concord. Though the celebration at Lexington was the greater, but not so good a place for display as Concord. Had but a little time less than an hour to look about before seeking conveyance to Boston. Came into Boston on an [illegible] train about 6 o'clock. thence to Topsfield.

20th visited Miss Mary Gould of Boxford the 18th. found her very feeble, afflicted with dyspnoea. sitting up in a chair. grew worse. Lost strength, probably lungs congested. and died between 5 and 6 o'clock P.M. the 19th. buried in Topsfield. Her age was 86 yrs and 2 months.

21st. Went to tea party of the Methodist Society at Union Hall. a good number, a success. There were theatricals, tableaux, refreshments, &c.

1885 25th [illegible] fifty [illegible] preached upon the
relations of [illegible] the nations, [illegible]
suggested, probably by the relations of
our country to the [illegible].
Sunday eve. went Methodist prayer
meeting. They have a new minister
Mr ~~Whitaker~~ Meredith, a young man with the
gift of ready speech.

Apr. 26 to
May 13

Monday, 26th. The remains of Dr. [illegible]
Stone of Provincetown were brought
here to day, in charge of [illegible] brothers
[illegible] accompanied by a clergyman
and deposited in his lot in the old
burying ground. He died of pneumonia,
sick about five days. His age
was 76 years. Dr Stone formerly
practiced in this town - married
Miss Esther Wildes, sister of the present
Moses Wildes.
Have seen Dr. Stone [illegible]
times, and have met him in [illegible]
cases of sickness. He was prompt
in his decisions, and had earned
the reputation for skill. At the
same time he had his hobbies and
was marked in his adherence to
them. I shall miss his [illegible]
[illegible] later [illegible]
[illegible]

1875 [illegible] the [illegible] the list [illegible]
meeting, in [illegible], the [illegible] new
minister conducted the meeting
(?) young man, active, [illegible]
in speech.

May 4. Went to Salem. [illegible]
of Essex South District Medical
Society. Dr Edward Newhall
Lynn, president. A paper was read
and instrument presented by Dr [illegible]
of Salem on progressive locomotor
ataxy. Explanations with drawings
on the blackboard by Dr [illegible].
One new member admitted, Dr [illegible].
Voted to meet next at Gloucester
June 27th.

Spelling match in evening at
town hall. Did not attend.
11th Monday, went to Boston
made purchases of books.
12th Went to Hamilton. Saw [illegible]
Talked about matters pertaining to
the family history and looked over
old papers.

May 7. Mrs Jones, widow of [illegible]
buried to day, Sunday. [illegible]
children in town.
The spelling match excitement [illegible]
[illegible] Tuesday [illegible]
of the town hall [illegible]

1876
May 16. Mrs [illegible] [illegible] died of consump-
tion the 16th. has been failing since
all winter.

May 29. Decoration day was observed here the 27th
A 17 Saturday. The 30th called from church
Dec. 4 to dress wound of Harris Perkins. 4 yrs old child
of Ephraim P. Perkins. Was kicked doubt-
less by their horse, on right eye brow
and temple. caused a gaping wound
the integument loosed from the bone
beneath. I sewed the wound together
will be a scar, but hope not much
deformity. although the attachment
of muscles about the brow & eye ball
were divided and the outline of
the ball showed in the wound to a
considerable degree.

June 1. Went to Boston. Examined
muster rolls of companies which marched
from Ipswich towards Lexington. Ap 19 1775
also one company from Topsfield —
The companies from Ipswich Hamlet
were commanded by Capt James [illegible]
and Capt Elisha Whitney. Transcribed
the rolls.
June 2. Went to Middleton to consult
with Dr. Eaton on the case of

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ay 29
Dec 4

Mrs Gall, she was confined about four or five weeks before. — [illegible] and prostrated — deaf partially — [illegible] that the poor woman died about a week afterward and that Dr Eaton did not attend her any more — know of no reason why he should not. My interview with him was without any jar — he was pleasant pleasant and cordial.
Dr Chase saw the patient at the last.

Have had Mrs Daniel Balch for a patient this Spring, she 90 years old. Mental faculties as well as physical health good for a person of her age. is able to be out of doors.

June 6. Mrs Oliver Killam, of Boxford died aged about 83 yrs. no disease. been failing for some weeks. even a year [illegible]

June 8. Geo. B Killams child [illegible] 6 or 7 yrs old. has organic disease of heart badly. Met with Dr Bartlett (Killam) on the case.

[Mrs Elizabeth Adams. slipped about Jan 1st or somewhat earlier, on steps. injured soft parts over tibia, at junction of middle & lower third. Skin sloughed. after there had been ulcer for some time. a week or two.

1875
May 29
to Dec. 4

The ulcer measured

	Feb 11.	23.	26.	28	Mar. 4	6	10	12	14	20	26.	31	Apr 10
gt	2½ in.		2½	2¼	2⅛	2-	1 15/16	1¾	1¼	1½	1	5/8	Healed.
Long.	1⅞		1¾	1⅝	1¼	1⅛	1 +	1⅛	1⅛	⅞			
Width		1⅜	1⅜	1¼	1⅛	1 1/16	15/16	⅞	⅞	⅞	5/8	5/8	

It was somewhat larger before measurements were commenced.
Treated with yeast poultice, adhesive straps and carbolic acid.]

June 3. Went to Hamilton, made enquiries concerning revolutionary soldiers.
Called to see Samuel Todd, who appeared to have broken the lower process of the tibia, having fallen with a ladder. Is now (Aug 2) able to walk with limping.

June – Have had under treatment Mrs Deborah Kimball, about 95 yrs of age. She is partially deaf, but otherwise enjoys comfortable health.

June 5. Went to Boston. At State House found roll of company which contains the name of uncle Thomas Roberts. He enlisted June 12, 1775. Served 1 mo. 22 days. Benj. Kimball, of Manchester. Captain
Mansfield. Colonel.

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Also found muster roll of Capt Joseph Gould's company, that marched from Topsfield on the Lexington alarm, of 62 members. This roll has been supposed to be lost.

In looking over the rolls June 5th and 15th found the name of my grandfather Andrew Allen, who enlisted May 27th 1775. Gideon Parker, of Ipswich captain
Little colonel.

Also enlisted Oct 14. 1779 discharged Nov 22 1779
Thomas Cummings of Captain
Jacob Gerrish colonel
240 miles to march home

Found also name of David Roberts in Capt Robert Dodge's company. Col Samuel Johnson went to Peekskill, Aug. 15 to Dec 14, 1777

Also, July 20th Andrew Allen joined company of Capt. John Dodge, Regt. of Col Gerrish from 3rd of Feb. 1778 to 3rd of Apr. Time in service, 2 mos. 1 day. Pay £4.1.4.

Also found muster roll containing the name of my grandfather Moses Roberts, in Capt Richard Dodge's company of [illegible]. Also Smith, The company did duty in the

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in the northern department and in guarding
Gen. Burgoyne's troops at Prospect Hill;
Time in which both engaged Sept. 30th, marched
Oct 2, 40 days in service, discharged at
Cambridge Nov. 7th, 1s. 8d per day. Wage
£. 3. 6. 8.

Nov. 6. Examined muster roll which
shows that Andrew Allen enlisted Nov.
11, 1777. Served 2 mos. 22 days, Pay £2.14.8
Capt. John Dodge's Company, Col. Jacob Gerrish

Pickman Smith enlisted Sept. 30. 1777
discharged Nov. 7. Did duty in Northern de-
partment & in guarding Gen. Burgoyne's troops

Joseph Roberts enlisted July 19. discharged
Dec 16. time 4 mos. 28 days. £24.13.4
Capt John Dodge's Company. Guarded at
Winter Hill. July 2. 1778 to Dec 17.

June 8. 9. Attended anniversary of the
Medical Society. 8th went to Boston at noon.
In afternoon met Dr Elbridge Bartlett on the case
of John Killam aged 7 years, child of Geo. B. Killam.
Heard essays read at the Lowell Institute, by
Dr. John C. Warren, E. C. Thayer & others to the

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Warren museum on Chestnut St. [illegible] collected by the late Dr John C. Warren [illegible] a mastodon, a perfect specimen of a skeleton [illegible] of [illegible], also has beaut- with many curiosities, including [illegible] relics of Gen. Joseph Warren.

9th ~~[illegible]~~ Excursion in which Superintendents of Insane Asylums took part. on the [illegible] building of [illegible], an asylum for inebriates. Members were divided on the subject and not vote was taken in the society. At the dinner, Dr. Jeremiah Spofford of Groveland was present, the oldest member now about 87 years of age.

A little spelling match at the Town Hall in the evening.

June 15 Joined the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society — First fee $5,00. annual fee $3.00. —— A little Fair at vestry by ladies' missionary Society.

June 17. Attended the the centennial [illegible] witnessed much of the outside [illegible] procession, flags &c — unparalleled display of military, lead by Gen. Butler, among the celebrities in the procession were [illegible] Sherman, and others ~~[illegible]~~ whom I did not see to know, as Gen. [illegible] and the confederate Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee.

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~~It~~ visited Bunker Hill - the spot at Moultons Point, here the conflict. It was on a hill which was removed some years ago. Passed up Bunker Hill Street where was indicated the location of the rail fence, at the protestant cemetery. It was up this street that the Americans retreated after the battle. I stopped at 274 Bunker Hill Street, Mr David P. Weston, father of Mr Pennamell of Bedford, ~~where~~ and enjoyed the view of the procession from that point.

June 20. Went to W. B. King's, Middleton —

June 21. Visited David C. Hobbs, who is insane. Have attended him this spring. He was noticed by his family to be somewhat unwell and inactive during the winter. In the spring insanity came on, if it did not before. He entertained the delusion that he was going to the Alms House, and then worried ~~that~~ he and his family were going to be hung. Was more comfortable for a while and worked some on his farm at planting time, but afterwards grew worse and finally a suicidal tendency showed itself; he cut his throat partially. And he was removed to the Asylum —

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at [illegible] ville on [illegible] June 22

June 22, Mrs. [illegible] died, buried on the place on the north side of the mill pond near the mill at Springville. Gave certificate to remove her remains to Salem on the 24th.

June 25
Death of Mrs Lorenzo P. Towne. Had been sick many months, had been vomiting, hemorrhage from the stomach months before, emaciated, at last mortification of one foot. On post mortem examination made June 26th with Dr Chase found cancer of stomach. Specimen examined microscopically by Dr Johnson of Salem.

June 27. Went to meeting. P.M. Mrs Charles Jones died to-day from organic disease of heart. Had been about five years from an attack of acute rheumatism, has had several attacks with heart disease symptoms previously to the ~~last~~ fatal one. She was not much more than 21 years old.

June 28. Mrs Jos. K. Farley of Boxford miscarried with twins. They lived but a few minutes. [illegible] other than [illegible] and there were [illegible]

1875 about 4½ months — perhaps, as near as
May 29 I ~~could~~ can remember estimating at the
to Jun. 4 time.
Caused by paralysis.

June 30. Death of Mrs. Richard Smith. Said to be

July 1. Attended meeting of Essex South Med. Society at Gloucester. Went with buggy to Beverly. took cars to G. — was conducted by Dr Garland to the Pavilion House (I think that is the name) where the society dined at the expense of the physicians, or probably of Dr Garland, — afterwards met at City Hall where cases were reported by Drs. Moore Fitzgerald and others. Dr Choate read a paper upon a case of Haematuria — Dr Garland presented a child two or three years old, that had malformation of one ear, — the external canal was imperfect. Dr Cotting, President of the Mass. Med. Soc. was present and spoke.

July 4. Mr Hood, Home missionary in Minnesota preached P.M. & spoke in evening.

July 5. Picnic in woods by Hood's pond.

July 6. Attended Mrs Saml. Frye, of Boxford in childbirth. Detained long time. At same time was called to go to Daniel Pingree at the Towne place Topsfield. Dr Chase was

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brought from [illegible] in season to attend the latter case.

July 13. Called to Mr James Wilkins of Middleton, [illegible] was afterwards better. Has since died. July 17. was called ~~tonight~~ to see [illegible] Blake with hemorrhage of the lungs, not copious. was afterwards called to him in night. he is better.

July 20 Went to Boston, purchased pocket case and surgical instruments having lost my case some time ago but have since obtained the lost one it having been picked up by Andrew Frame of Bedford.

July 21, Have prescribed for Rufus [illegible] for tape worm. He noticed white pieces which came from his bowels. His mother showed them to me. proved to be joints of a tape worm. Gave turpentine without bringing away more than a somewhat increased number of sections of the worm. Afterwards gave half ounce of Kousso which brought away the worm minus the head, at least the head was not found although it was not looked for sufficiently. The parents measured the worm. 22 feet in length. Patient 16 yrs old.

July 19 called to [illegible] Bodwell [illegible] about 6 weeks [illegible] is now better.

187[illegible]. July 11. Mark XIII. 34. "[illegible] man [illegible]

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P.M. "and the door was shut."

July 30. Frances Lane of Hamilton, died. buried the 2nd of August.

Aug. 1. Attended church. Last Sunday before minister's vacation of four weeks begins.

Aug. 6 Went to Boston.

Aug. 12. Suicide of Mrs. [illegible] She had been desponding since last year. Attended to her household duties in part up to a short time before her death. She visited in the Spring and summer among her friends, who hoped that a change of scene might improve her condition, but she grew worse. [illegible] few days before she last attempted to do violence to herself at [illegible] with a pair of scissors. She was [illegible] watched, but secreted a razor about her person and took an opportunity [illegible] her sister was in another room to cut her throat. She then walked into the back kitchen, deposited the razor, went to [illegible] and stood over it until faint from [illegible]

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of blood, when the attendants placed her
on a lounge [illegible] the breath [illegible]
[illegible]. She did not live but 15 or
more than ten minutes.
Dr. Charles F. Bartlett [illegible] at the
depot at the time, waiting for the train, was called in and
pronounced the wound mortal, and
recommended compresses wet with
cold water to be applied to the wound.
She was not bleeding much then.
I arrived a few minutes later, but
she was dead.
The wound was deep, the trachea
partly divided, but neither of the car-
otid arteries were severed.
The deed was committed in Mrs
Wright's house, in the room former-
ly occupied as an office by Dr. Bartlett.

Aug. 10. County Commissioners met
at Town Hall. They viewed the prem-
ises of a proposed new road leading from
near David G. Perkins' to the road from
Wenham that goes past the Bailey Farm.
The principal work is the cutting down
the hill at Benj. Fowler's, and the [illegible]
[illegible]gation beyond Wenham causeway.
The commissioners held a hearing at
the Town Hall, where several [illegible]

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testified in favor of the proposed road among them. The meeting was adjourned to the Court House in Salem ~~the following~~ or on a subsequent day. Mr Morgan advocated the cause in the part of the petitioners. Mr Wetherell appeared for the town of Wenham in opposition.

Aug. 17. Have attended Richard Thomas, who went to Leavitt Hovey's, Boxford, to board. He was in consumption, grew worse, and was carried home in a hack only the day before he died. His physician, Dr [illegible] came up to see him once this day. He died I think, Aug. 27th, no. He died the 28th

Aug 18. Attended Mrs Dudley Batchelder who became the mother of her tenth living child. The children all live at home. An old fashioned family:

Aug. 19. Attended Mrs David Balch. Cholera Morbus. was very sick but has recovered. Was 90 yrs. old last [illegible].

Aug. 29. John Killam died. aged 7 years. Heart disease increased. producing dropsy and dyspnoea.

Aug 30. Death of Mr Ingersoll of Boxf

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Aug 29 – Dec 4 Mr. [illegible] had been confined 8 [illegible] days - Seventeen first [illegible] from [illegible]. He had fever after [illegible] which was violent, attended with delirium. Dr. [illegible] of Salem prescribed for him in the early part of his sickness. I was called the 26th.

Aug. 31. several accidents. Albert Peabody who lives with Josiah L. Gould, cut a deep wound in his left shoulder with a scythe. Mr. Sillis boy had a toe crushed off by horse treading upon it. ~~[illegible] child, bruised by [illegible]~~ ~~stairs~~ Asrel Gould wounded himself by a fall, the 30th.

Sept. 1. Mrs Saml Frye had a bad felon on thumb. opened ~~rather~~ late - [illegible] a bare spot of bone. Was confined for 6.

Sept. 3. Obstetric case. Mrs Sawyer ([illegible] Day) of Wakefield N.H. Her husband is from N.H.

Sept 9. Went to Saml. K. Wilkins, Middleton. He appears insane on the subject of religion. Thinks his wife will be lost.

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Sept. 12, Obstetric case, by Mrs. John Phil[illegible] [illegible]. Arthur and John Phillips have purchased the John Paley place and have moved upon it.

13th called to see Mrs Wm. Bradstreet, sick in her new house. Has recently moved into a new house erected this summer on the site of the old one.
24th called to child of Rev. Mr. Meredith, methodist minister here. a young interesting man. the family are from Bristol, England.
25th Republican caucus. S. Bradstreet chn Charles Leach Secy. J. W. Batchelder and Chas. Herrick elected delegates to State convention to be held the 29th. The preference of the caucus was for Dr Geo. B. Loring for Governor.

26th Obstetric case, by Mrs. Alfred B. Hale [illegible]. Spent part of night and nearly the whole day there.

Sept. 14, David C. Hobbs died, at the McLean Asylum, Somerville, insane, was not perfectly himself last winter, in the spring manifested symptoms of insanity — was somewhat better about planting time afterward grew worse. a suicidal mania took him in June. was removed to the hospital where he died. Had [illegible] disease which I was attending [illegible] [illegible]. He was buried here the 16th.

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Sept. 27. Miss Mary Hood died this day;
she had been a feeble person many years;
I have attended her through much
sickness. Her disease was dysentery, which
she suffered from for about 11 or 12 days.
She was a woman of considerable ability
and of a firm and independent spirit.
and a benevolent and philanthropic
nature. Attended her funeral the 29th
Her age was 75. [at the church

29. Birth of a son to Col. Galbraith, at Bedford

Death of Mrs Phebe Hood, at the Pond.
Had had chronic diarrhoea since last winter.
Has been failing faster during the summer. -
The latter part of her sickness has been dis-
tressing from the pain and vomiting. -
There was probably ulceration of the intes-
tines. and perhaps cancerous disease.
Went to her funeral at the church, Oct. 1.
She was about 77. An estimable woman.

Cattle Show the 29th at Danvers-
Port, made a hurried inspection of
the exhibition. There was a fine display
of fruit, at the hall of the Peabody Institute.

Oct. 1. Post Office removed to John Rowe's;
the office of Postmaster become vacant by the

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death of B. F. Adams, Jun., last July, [illegible] [illegible] recommended for the appointment [illegible] B. F. Adams Jun. and finally Haggar by [illegible] parties. But neither of these men obtained the appointment which finally was received by John Bailey. Have not learned how it was brought about but think the cause might have been in the fact that both the candidates for whom papers were circulated were democrats.

Oct. 3. Attended church three times, an unusual thing for me.

Oct. 4. Went to Boston, examined [illegible] muster rolls and copied records of my relatives therein found.

Oct. 5. Called to Isaac Hale of Boxford. Has an attack of paralysis of left side, is improving, can walk across room by being led. (Oct. 20). affects to make him childish, affects memory, cannot recall the proper word often.

Oct. 8 Went to Hamilton, signed deed [illegible] [illegible] to parties in Boston, interest in land [illegible] [illegible] Essex Rail Road and Chebacco [illegible] to build ice-houses upon.

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Mrs Jenner of Hollis of Acton. was [illegible] after four hours to a sitting up with Mrs [illegible] Pixley and [illegible] I [illegible] being removed to her home this day (Oct 1) She has been confined to her bed nearly [illegible] had been an invalid for several years. Great the suffering of these persons of whom I have had several to treat this year, of leaving their comfortable homes and enduring the inconveniences of a small cottage in the country during the months when it is the fashion to do so.

7th called to John Bailey. Has piles & some prolapse of the mucous membrane of the rectum. Dr Kimble, who has seen the patient several times, put up the tumors, and they have been retained by a perineal bandage and opium by stomach and rectum. Is now (Oct 23) better. A nervous patient.

13th Mrs Henry Newhall of Bradford. abortion about six months, a foetus dead some time. Saw her an hour after. uterus [illegible] had an placenta which was not easily removed. a feeble person. lies in a weak condition. (23d)

17th Sunday. Mrs Potts [illegible]

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[illegible] the [illegible] nonattendance on church privileges was considered and it was [illegible] in [illegible] meeting that a few church members absented themselves from the communion, more from the Sabbath School, a large number from public worship, very many from the prayer meeting - and it was asked [illegible] private and public ~~notices~~ invitations to absentees to be present where they have heretofore been absent - and he in behalf of the church extended such invitation.

18th Oct. attended Library committee meeting. a short list of books was agreed upon to be purchased for the Library.
Also attended Republican caucus to choose delegates to nominating conventions. Eight votes were cast [illegible] interest in the meeting. We could [illegible] expected to be selected from this town this year.

21st Oct. An adjournment said to be this day [illegible] Ella Paul & Abbie Munday -

[illegible] brought home, having been at the Insane Hospital at Worcester where she had been some weeks or months - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Probably had disease of the brain [illegible] died the 22nd. Age [illegible] years. [illegible] a resident of Peabody.
Did not see him professionally.

22nd Saw a patient in Middleton on the turnpike a mile beyond the village. An emaciated, starved child, 8 weeks old.

Oct. 26. Mr Isaac Hale died. He had an additional shock of paralysis about three days before his death, so that he lay in a stupor most of the time afterward, & did not recognize but little. Age about 61 yrs. Has not had robust health.

Oct. 27. Rev Henry Morgan gave a lecture at the Town Hall. On "Seventeen reasons why men do not go to church". Was amusing and somewhat entertaining. Said many good things. Awkward in his manner, - an ordinary lecturer, I think. He is a Methodist - and ~~at~~ has an independent congregation in Boston. Is considered a useful man.

28th Had a short interview with John Towne, son of Jacob A. Towne. He has been in Illinois the past two years

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at Rockton, on a farm. good land raise grain, but nothing will altogether in agriculture - two applicants in the family his health has grown vigorous there..

31st Rev. Mr. McLoud gave an address at the church upon "the Library and how to use it". A timely effort - The speaker gave much good advice and directions for selecting and reading books -

Nov. 2, State election. Voted for John D. Baker of Beverly, for Governor, the Prohibition candidate. Rejoice that the temperance men have put forth a candidate at last. Have been obliged for some years to vote for a milk and water ticket that the Republican party might keep together to two factions of license & prohibition. Think good will result from the temperance men standing alone.

Nov. 3, Find about 1000 votes were thrown for the Prohibitory candidate. A good beginning. It was urged that Rice should be nominated as Talbot could not be elected. but it appears that Rice does not receive as many votes as Talbot received last year

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Nov. 10. Went to Boston — [illegible] at State House. Found the name of [illegible] Roberts in roll of the vessel "Tartar" Capt. John Cathcart, 1782.

Nov. 11. Dedication of Odd Fellows' Hall. delegations from neighboring towns.

Nov. 16 Went to Hamilton — saw friends.

Nov. 22. Death of Henry Wilson, Vice-President of the United States. Had been sick for a week or ten days. was better and was expecting to ride out this day, but died suddenly of apoplexy — about 7 o clock. A. M. A post-mortem examination a day or two afterward showed the sinuses of the brain full of blood. He had a paralytic attack a few years ago.

Nov. 24. Have been attending Richard Phillips Esq — Has continued fever. been confined to bed [illegible] since Friday, but was very sick since Tuesday, the 16th. Has been wandering, pulse irregular — tongue dry. temperature highest about 102°. F. — prostrated. can be got out of bed to have bed made.

1875 Dr. D. H. Storer saw him the

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Nov. 25. Thanksgiving. Went to Hamilton Spent the day with Aunts Edwards & Betsey. They are well.

Nov. 28. Rev. Mr. Gammell of Boxford preached. - heard him in the afternoon.

Nov. 30. A very cold day. Ther. 6. below zero. only about 2 above. the highest for the day. Spent the evening at Benj. Kimball's They had invited a few friends.

Nov. 27th Moses Towne, while loading a rock the charge exploded, injured the left hand, so that amputated the little finger -

Dec. 3. Heard that Thomas Hoyt was badly injured at Middleton, by being thrown from his horse team.

Ther. about 2 [illegible]ing.

Dec. 4. Very pleasant.

Dec. 5 - 11 Sunday. Mr Fitts, in the forenoon preached on Faith - afternoon - that Faith promotes virtue - Evening. Missionary concert.

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Dec 5–11 Tuesday. The Selectmen are putting up street boards, the names of the streets thereon designating the streets leading from the village and others.
Afternoon went to Hamilton. Had conversation with Benj. Woodbury upon Revolutionary names of Hamilton—
Wednesday, attended Methodist festival at Union Hall. Had theatricals—
Saturday. Child of Charles Phillips brought from Boston and deposited in receiving tomb. Died of croup—nearly two years of age.

Dec 12 Afternoon. Mr Fitts preached upon "The Power of an living Christianity." Evening, Rev Dr Dorchester at the M. E. Church preached upon Christianity as an historical fact, its excellence — the truth of its principal doctrines as the supreme Deity of Christ, vicarious atonement, ~~endless~~ punishment, and fullness of Christianity to meet the deepest wants of the human soul.

Dec 14–31. Dec 14. Went to Boston. Collected coupons. made a few small purchases. Ordered a dressing gown — a Christmas present.
Dec. 15. Called to Charles Gurley at Amos Berry's. Boxford.— Was sitting in chair — weighed down by a feverish attack.

Dec. 4. Went with A. C. Palmer Esq. to the "Equitable" building— In the building in the office where the weather predictions are sent and ~~[illegible]~~ printed and distributed to different places in Mass. &c.

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Walked with unsteady gate to his bed in another room.

Thursday tem. almost 105. tongue dry brownish. has been delirious. to have bromide of potassium. took Dovers powder last night for looseness of bowels & to promote sleep.

Friday tem. about 104. tongue moist gets out of bed. – coma vigil

Sat. tem about 104. tongue moist rose spots beginning to appear. food principally milk.

Sunday. temp. 103½. tongue moist delirium occasionally active. rose spots. Bromide Potas. Liq. Amm. Acet. & Sp. nit. Dul. Brandy a little. Pulse has not varied much from 92.

Ther. Dec 19th at sundown – 2. F. Dec 20 Ther. –14; 2 P.M. +10

Garley went from Danvers to Boxford Wednesday, a week before I saw him. not well. Friday had chills, Sunday took cathartic, sauna & was sweated & was quite sick – Laid in bed much after Sunday. On Wednesday when first seen setting up. rather stupid. Tongue partially

Dec. 1875 John Towne, son of Jacob A Towne cut his foot. dressed the wound.

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coated with a red streak in centre.
tm. near 104. nose bleed ringing in ears -
bowels loose.

20th Monday. Pulse 98 - feet and knees
have been cold. Tem. 103. tongue dry
& brownish - coma-vigil - delirious -
takes nourishment with difficulty -
does not take much this forenoon.
3 dys. Prostrated but has been got
out of bed. Elix. a Val. ammon -
21st was getting worse skin dusky - and so the
22nd - 23d skin brownish ~~somewhat~~ more dusky
~~still worse~~ pulse 120. feeble, fails and
dies at 2 o'clock. A.M. the 24th
The disease fell with the greatest se-
verity upon the nervous system -
Subsultus tendinum was a marked
symptom. Age 21.
Treated principally by nourishment
and stimulants - Took 15 grs Bromide
Potass. & 2 grs Dovers powder for sleep
towards the last. repeated once or twice.
Dr Chase saw the patient Tuesday & Thurs.

Dec 21. John Towne, son of Jacob A. Towne
cut his foot - dressed the wound.

1875 Dec. 23. Called to Augustus Peabody who
Dec. 14-31 was at Mr Donelson's. Dyspnoea - de
lirium - Double pneumonia, abated
about the eighth day. Now fair. Conval-
escent. Gave Aconite, carb. ammon,
Liq. Ammon. Acet, &c, age 19 years
Dec. 24. Mrs Herrick taken sick, acute
rheumatism.

Capt. Morgan and Mrs Morgan leave for
Florida.

Charles Gurley dies at Amos Berry's Box-
ford.

Christmas tree at Congregationalist church.
Presents distributed. Church trimmed with
evergreen.

Dec. 25. Michael Horace, died, at Asa
Bishops, aged about 70 yrs. Had Brights
disease. Has been failing a long time
many months.

Attend entertainment at Union Hall.
(Methodist.) Had theatricals, music, &c.

26th. evening. Christmas services at
M. E. Church. Mr. Meredith.

30. Went to Danvers. made a deposit in
Savings Bank

31 Went to Newburyport. Deposit in Insti-
tution for Savings.

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Jan 1. Ther. 65°.
" 2 visited patients
" 3, Week of Prayer. Have always or almost always attended the meetings of the week of prayer. The meetings have always been held in the vestry. social prayer-meetings. But this year there was some misunderstanding between the pastor and certain members of the church with regard to the plan of holding the meetings, or whether to discontinue them in part or altogether. The meetings were held. Learning of the want of harmony in the matter, I did not attend.
Night of 7 & 8 went to Henry Long's, North Andover. Mrs ~~Long~~ gave birth to a daughter at about 10.45. P.M. They carried me up and back.
9th Sunday, visited patients
10th Lucy Foster died this day. Her health, never robust, had been failing for about a year. For some weeks ~~past~~ previous to her death was very sick. The right side of chest ~~was~~ had

Jan 1 - Feb. 29 probably, an effusion of fluid the result of acute pleurisy.

12th Miss Collins saw Dr Storer in Boston, with a view to have him come again to see Mr. Phillips. He thought it was not necessary to come, as he could probably do nothing better and spoke hopefully of the case.

Funeral of Lucy Foster.

16th sermon by Mr Fitts on David and Goliath. interesting and powerful.

17th. Mr Phillips after three weeks from the commencement of his sickness began to improve, and continued to do so for about two weeks, when after becoming fatigued and excited from receiving company, had a relapse, attended with diarrhoea and delirium. which latter symptom was constant. This day, 17th had hemorrhage of the bowels come on. which in his low condition exhausted his strength, and the disease proved fatal on the 18th

Mr Phillips was formerly a shoe manufacturer here. For a few years past he has been engaged in the

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Jan. 1- Feb. 29 service of the Total abstinence Society, in soliciting funds, obtaining signatures to the pledge, lecturing, &c, in which business he is said to have been very successful.

It was stated at his funeral that in the time of the fugitive slave excitement, he at the same time entertained a slaveholder from the south in his house, and his fugitive slave in his barn.

The funeral took place at his late residence at the common, in which Rev Mr Fitts, Rev Mr Meredith and the Genl. Agent of the T. A. Society took part.

18th; Dr Hurd of Ipswich saw with me a case of diphtheria. A child (boy) of Stephen Pierce, aged about 9 years. The tonsils were excessively swollen. the false membrane covering them and extending with the roof of the mouth. The outside of the throat and neck were also badly swollen. Extensive blood poisoning

The swelling was so great that respiration was entirely impeded.

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Jan 1 and brought on convulsions while
Feb. 29 Dr Hurd was present. He passed a female catheter down over the tongue past the swollen tonsils, through which the child breathed. A solution of nitrate of silver was used with a mop like a probang. The catheter was used part of the time afterward but the child in the evening. from paralysis of the heart and nonaeration of the blood I suppose. Was not present when he died. Duration of sickness four days.

Dr Choate met me on Mrs Herrick's case. She is recovering from acute rheumatism.

Visited patient in Boxford.

24. Meeting of Library committee. A dramatic entertainment held at the Town Hall Jan. 13th netted about $100. which was given increase the Public Library. A list of books was agreed upon to be purchased.

25. Went to Mr Marden's, Boxford. Cut out several Scalp wens for Mrs Marden.

26. Went to Boston. ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~

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an. 1- Feb. 29 Made purchases. among which were a coon robe, price $40.00. and a trachea tube.

31. Meeting of Library Committee.

I forgot to record that I was at Boston Jan. 5. and attended the annual meeting of the N. E. H. G. Society. Marshall P. Wilder presided and made an extended address. Officers of the Society were elected.

Feb. 1. Attended meeting of Essex south District Medical Society at Salem. Conversation on treatment of Diphtheria. Tone of members was in favor of some local application to the false membrane but not caustics

Feb. 3. Death of Mrs Lydia Perkins. at Mr Dudley Perkins. Had been confined to the bed. helpless, with paralysis for about 14 months - Her age was about 78.

Feb. 4. Snow. Sleighing. Consultation with Dr. E. Choate in Robert Lake's case. He had a paralytic attack about a week before. was not disabled, was up and out in a few days. partial paralysis of sensation

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Jan. 1- and motion on the right side.
Feb. 29 Give citrate of Iron and Quinine and Iodide of Potassium.

Attended Nellie Galloupe who fell down stairs at Jotham Welch's and broke the collar bone. Use Fox's apparatus

Death of Mrs John G. Hood, age about 71. Had not much disease except chronic disease of the heart. Had been very feeble for a year.

Said to have made her will the day she died.

Feb. 7. Lanced Abscess on face (jaw) for Moses Bradstreet. Sleighing left last night

Feb. 8- Spent a short time at the School house - was an exhibition in which other schools united with the centre School - Declamations and singing, for the most part. The exercises were very creditable

Feb. 11: Mild weather. Chickadeedees to be seen. Robins last week.

Peabody's Express team, two horses - ran away down street. In turning for N. Galloupe's Yard, the horses went with such violence against the fence

Jan. 1 Feb. 29 as to demolish it. One horse broke his leg and was almost killed so that they knocked him in the head. - the other horse was uninjured.

Feb. 13. Sunday. Also Dr Merriam's house took fire in the North West Chamber, and was extinguished with some difficulty. The room and contents much injured. The bells rang the alarm about 10 oclock. A. M.

Yesterday the 12th called to dress a wound for Samuel Bickford - He cut his foot with an ax. through the boot. cut across the foot. wound not large. but bled considerably.

Feb. 15. Stormy. In afternoon about 3 oclock it clears up. with a splendid rainbow. From 3 till 9 P. M. a gale from the south.

19th Case of diphtheria. Ada. child of Otis Gould. between 5 and 6 years - Tonsils swollen. false membrane upon tonsils, soft palate. uvula and hard palate. pulse good. better than usual with so bad a throat: Used a mixture of tannin, carbolic acid and

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Jan. 1 - Feb. 29 glycerin for the throat, applied with a camel's hair pencil. Biniodide of Mercury rubbed up with sugar of milk, a powder dropped upon the tongue every two hours. Dr Hurd saw the patient in a few days. The throat cleared up quite early - while the strength declined for a longer time. First noticed an improvement in the pulse on the evening of Friday, Mar. 3, since which date the child has steadily improved to Mar. 8. Mar 23. child better, but partial paralysis of the muscles of throat, affecting articulation.
Mrs Stone, widow of the late Jeremiah Stone, was buried here this day, 19th. She died in Provincetown.

23. The Germania Band, or rather a part of the band gave a concert at the Town Hall. 11 pieces, a large proportion of stringed instruments. The execution on the cornet was excellent.

Feb 28. Snow, sleighing.

" 29. ~~The~~ The reform club of Danvers met at Union Hall. Quite a large number spoke, relating the course of their experience in abandoning the use of intoxicating drinks. Also sang hymns. They inculcated the total abstinence

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an-1- pledge. About 60 signed. A reform
t A. 29 club was organized - of about fifteen
members. Chas. Carmody. Pres.
The men from Danvers filled the
platform. Young men for the most
part.

arch 1- Mar. 1. An interesting lecture at the
ay. 17 Congregational Church upon the
Catacombs of Rome. Illustrated by
diagrams.

5th Went to meeting in the day time.

6th Meeting of Literary com. agree upon
annual report. drawn up by S. A. Merriam. Secy.

Take wheels. did not ride the fifth.
Think some used sleighs the 5th
Sleighing since the 28th. There
was about 3 days of sleighing
some time ago - Also went to
North district about Jan. 1st in sleigh
all the sleighing this season thus far.

Heard of the death of Mr Joseph
Averill of North Andover. whom
I went to see once some time ago.
He had been failing since last Oct.
Age. 83.

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Mar. 7 Attended town meeting. The old officers for the most part were reelected. The late Irena Pingree bequeathed $5.000 to the town, the income of which is to be expended to assist poor people of the town. It is not to be used at the Alms House.

11th. Was called to see Mr Burbank an old man at Mrs Nye's. Found that he dropped dead at the time they sent. Disease probably angina pectoris. He was in his 80th year.

13. Library com. meeting.

16. Death of Mrs Patten, widow of an irregular physician of Salem. She has been insane and imbecile for several years. Age about 66½ years.

17. While riding in Boxford in the midst of a thick snow storm, a violent clap of thunder came directly over head, seemingly.
18. Sleighing – which remained two and a half days.

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Mar. 1 – May 17. Mar. 22. South Storm. ~~A violent wind and rain~~ March 25. Miles Sweeney, died.
March. 27. Went to Boston.
" 29. Attended a musical concert at Boxford. The Cantata of Queen Esther and other shorter pieces –

Funeral services of Mr Sweeney, this day:
Disease, cardiac dropsy. Lingering sickness. greatly swollen.
Mr Sweeney has sustained an eminent Christian character.

31st. Parish meeting held the 28th slipped by without my knowledge. Hear it was voted give the minister $12.00.
Was voted also to make some change in the name of the fund received from the estate of the late Porter Bradstreet, so as to make the matter more satisfactory to the heirs.
Resolutions passed in honor of the late Benj. P. Adams.

Apr 1. Went to Boston. Dr Eastham filled two cavities in bicuspid teeth.

Apr. 2. Monthly concert. The "Eastern Question" was considered.

A new choir has lately been organized in the Congregational Church. Though the same individuals for the most part appear in the new Choir. Ephraim Averill, Chorister, goes out & John H. Gould comes in.

Apr. 4. Storm, begins with rain, ends in a violent snow storm.

Apr. 5. Roads blocked. not all the roads broke out this day. Went with sleigh.

Apr. 6. Called to Willie Strangman age about 17. Send him to B. S. Codman Boston, who applies a truss and a suspensory bandage. Has right scrotal hernia. epididymitis, & left varicocele. –.

Apr. 7. Went to Hamilton. Albert has measles. doing well.

Apr. 9. Attended concert at M. E. Church. Same piece as at Boxford. but parts were differently assigned.

Apr. 12. Called upon Tho. Hoyt, Middleton. Met with a serious, last November. Was thrown under his horse team. His head was wounded, on forehead and near eyebrow. Some Spiculae of bone re-

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Mar. 1 – moved. – hand badly injured. Injuries
May 17. healed. Has some loss of memory
since recovery.

Apr. 13. Fast, annual. Attended a dramatic entertainment of an inferior sort, as it proved to be, at the Town Hall in the evening.

Apr. 14. Went to Middleton to see a patient Moses Peabody – very near his end with consumption.

Apr. 15. Called to see John Perry's child boy. with right scrotal hernia. Send him to Codman's, to have a truss fitted to child;

Apr. 16. Sent for to see Moses Peabody but found that he had just died.

Apr. 23. Attended three services this day. In morning Mr Jones, a young Methodist minister from England, stopping with Mr Meredith, preached from the text. "For me to live is Christ." Mr Fitts, P. M. spoke upon the "Spirit". In the evening he said there was more than the usual religious interest. Some religious meetings were better attended

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Mar. 1 – May 5. Town meeting.
May 17. It was voted to discount 4 per cent on taxes paid before Nov. 1. and to charge a percentage on all taxes paid after that date.

Voted, to pay David P. Perkins not over 5 dollars for damages by overflow of water in freshet on his premises—

Voted, to pay Frances Frame not over 5 dollars for damages in not breaking out the road to his residence, (John Boardman's) after the snow storm early in April.

Action was taken (reference to selectmen) favorable to widening and straightening road leading from Ira Potter's to road near Nehemiah Perkins, and road leading by Asa Bixby's.

Was an article in the warrant to see if the town would reimburse David S. Perkins for damages to his team on highway – but the article was passed over, he not having presented to the town a bill for his claim.

Mar. 1 – May 17. May 12. Went to Boston, attended to some little business matters, like collecting coupons, purchases &c - looked among the book stores, as usual.

May 14. Call at Mrs Hannah Lakes Met Dr Chase in consultation. She has been sick some time -

May 15. Went to Boston - purchased pessaries -

May 17. Went to Marblehead. Celebration centennial, and dedication of a monument erected in memory of Capt. James Mugford and his officers & sailors. Capt. Mugford, May 17, 1776, in the "Franklin," 4 guns, encountered and captured a British vessel, the "Hope" with cargo of powder and other military stores - and carried the prize into Boston. Two days later, in attempting to return to Marblehead, he was killed by the British.
The monument is in the square near the Rail Road Station.

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Mar. & May 17. A procession marched through the principal streets, halted at the monument where the services of dedication, Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williams, Auld Lang Syne by the band, dedication by Wm. H. Coats, in a short address, benediction by Rev. Dr. Lawrence. Hail Columbia was also played.

I walked considerably over the uneven surface and crooked lanes of the quaint old place.

Went to Marblehead with my father about thirty five years ago, but did not recognize a spot ever seen before - unless the harbor. We then drove a cow sold to Robert Curtis.

May 21. At church afternoon, heard Mrs Muzzey formerly a missionary at Ceylon and Madura, give interesting descriptions of the customs in India, and of missionary life there.

" 22. A very warm day. An extensive thunder storm, commencing about 6 P.M. and extending into the night. Samuel Ober, in Wenham, West End, was killed by lightning. About 75 yrs. old. He was sitting at a window, so the newspaper states. He occupied the house whose second story projects like the Capen House.

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May 26. Piper & Frost hung to-day.
It would seem that the carotid arteries were severed, in the case of Frost, and that the streams of blood were thrown from 7 to 10 feet. I have always thought these acts, so shocking to people in general tend to make those ~~ever~~ worse who are disposed to evil.
Frost always denied wilful murder.

May 2728, Apple trees in full blossom, very full.
Sunday — at meeting P.M. & evening.

" 29 Three very warm days — Thunder-shower at evening.

" 30. Decoration day — (not much observed here.
The committee on improvements in the cemetery transplanted a lot of ~~the~~ evergreen trees — more than 50 — as said.

" 31 Old election — not celebrated here.

June 13 Anniversary of M. Med. Society this day and the 14th — Went to South Boston and visited the Carney Hospital. Dr Homans, one of the surgeons, made the surgical visit and showed the

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Hospital - no operations at 10 o'clock Dr Langmaid had been in before and operated in a case of harelip. ~~Then~~ went to the Lowell Institute, where heard part of Dr. J. J. Putnam's essay on physical Exercise - Essay by Dr D'Avignon of North Adams on tincture of Iodine in albuminuria arising from congestion of the kidneys - and Reports from district societies. Also in afternoon, part of essay by Dr E. Waldo Emerson - of Concord on Pathology and treatment of Cholera Infantum - Essay by Calkins of Springfield on Diet of the Sick - Essay by Dr. Workman of Worcester on crepitant rale. Went to Mass Gen Hospital where Dr Bigelow had just amputated a leg - had inserted a drainage tube. Dr Gay used aspirator in a case of abscess of wrist. Made surgical visit with one of the late appointed surgeons of the Hospital.

June 14 Attended meeting of the society in Lowell Inst. Dr John C. Warren read essay on Vaginal lithotomy, heard part. - Heard essay on metric system by Dr Abbott of Wakefield, & discussion by Drs J. L. Sullivan of Malden and T. B. Curtis of Boston, also Prof Wood -

Dr Le B. Stickney of Springfield deliver-
ed the annual discourse.
The Emperor of Brazil, Dom Pedro,
accepted an invitation to be present
during the delivery of the annual dis-
course. He had been elected an hon-
orary member the evening previous
and the diploma of the society was
now presented to him by the President
of the society, Dr Cotting.
Dom Pedro is much above the medium
size - light complexion, and hair, full
beard, inclined to gray, movements
active, with an intelligent countenance.
Dinner in Music Hall. Speeches by
Gov. Rice, Rev. Mr Quint, Judge of
Probate of Bristol county and others -

une 16 Met Dr L. W. Chainee on the case
of Sidney Merriam.

" 17 Visited patients -

" 18 Sermon at M. E. Church by Mr Meredith.
text. The tongue is a fire, a world of in-
iquity - Evening S. School concert.

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June 25. Mr French of Tewksbury preached.

" 26 Weigh 180 lbs.
" " Mrs John Gould. died. age 88.
" 27 Went to Hamilton, saw friends

" 28 Attended funeral of Mrs John Gould, on Gould road. the first old house on the left.
" " Fracture of radius near wrist joint. Child of D. C. Smith. 6 yrs old. etherized. put in splints.

July 2 Rev A. J. Pike from Sauk centre, Minn, preached. Has been west 8 yrs. Has much improved as a preacher.
Six young ladies received into the Cong. Church.
" 4 Did not leave town, No celebration. Many went to Salem where was a municipal celebration

" 9 Mr Sammell preached.

" 13 Dr Cheever again on S. A. Merriam's case
" 20 Dr Cheever. Extremely ~~and~~ long continued warm weather. Much thunder and lightning this season.

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July 23 Mr Fitts preached, P.M. — present.

" 24 Henry cut three fingers, the ends — in sole leather cutter. Only skin of palmar aspect remained. Sewed two fingers replaced. Thought they might grow together but not be of much use.

Called to E. Perkins Potter of Linebrook, with cholera morbus. Had sepulchral voice. Left him a little more comfortable.

25th E. P. Potter better voice natural; Do not recollect of hearing the sepulchral voice but once before. — the case of Amos Chapman.

" 26 Went to Hamilton, Aunt Edwards celebrated her birth day. Is 80 yrs. old. Quite a number of her relatives were present.

" 27 Called to F. Curtis, Boxford, to see child of Mrs Low. Been sick about a fortnight. Had severe sore throat at first. afterwards did not suffer so much. Was brought from Lynn

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to Boxford last sunday. Since then has been growing worse. - found the child with feeble pulse, cool extremities, had appearance of diphtheria - 28th Heard that the child died about 3 o'clock this morning. Probably has been losing strength all the time since it was taken sick. was two yrs. old. Was treated by a homoeopathic physician in Lynn, - was seen once by a regular physician there.

Aug. 1. Dr Cheever from Boston to-day, to see S. A. Merriam.

First case of Dysentery - at the West End.

" 5 George Hubbard, a resident of Hamilton, and died there, was buried here to-day. Was a native of Topsfield.

A Dr Kingsford, a medical tramp, comes to town one day in a week. It is said that he has several patients and accomplishes great things - Probably has great influence on certain minds.

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Aug. 9. Mrs Moses H. Downes, River street, confined, girl

Dr. Cheever. to-day. visited S. A. Merriam

Sidney Merriam had some affection of the right testis as long ago as the autumn of 1874. while in Wisconsin – Had not much trouble, very little judging from his account, until the Autumn of 1875 – He consulted Dr Cheever through the winter, and was tapped several times for hydrocele. About Feb. he had lumbar and pelvic pains which at that time Dr. C. thought might be rheumatic. From that time (Feb.) he lost flesh fast. – was laid up a few days at intervals. – Kept about through March and April – Made journeys to Boston and other places. About the latter part of April, he discovered a swelling in the right iliac region about as large as a pigeon's egg. – The swelling increased rapidly – extending towards the abdominal walls and at length reaching

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the median line and extending beyond it towards the left side. The tumor was hard, unyielding, of an uneven surface, and fixed. Not much pain in the tumor, nor tenderness In the Spring there was at times a great amount of pain ~~at~~ in the pelvis about the tumor - also pain very severe in the right thigh & leg, extending to the ankle. Not so much pain lately. Emaciation going on fast. Testis has become hard and knotted. Paracentesis been performed a few times since winter. About three a four weeks ago symptoms of pleurisy appeared, followed by attacks of oedema of the lungs which were relieved - at last asthmatic symptoms supervened very distressing and exhausting. -
Dr Cheever has come from Boston at various times - once accompanied by Dr. Morrill Wyman, of Cambridge. The disease is considered cancer, of which there has been scarcely any doubt since the tumor was discovered -

Aug. 14. Sidney Merriam failing, near the close. - A telegram sent to Dr Cheever, who arrives at 4 o'clock -

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Sidney failed continually, and died a few minutes before 12 o'clock P. M.

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Aug. 15 Post-mortem by Dr Cheever. The swelling in the abdomen was found to be cancerous about the size of a large cocoa-nutt: mesentery glands involved to some extent. liver somewhat affected - contained one deposit about as large as a wallnut - The lungs were studded with cancerous deposits, of the size of small bullets, some larger, others smaller - but the different lobes were infiltrated through and through with the disease - This latter feature accounted very satisfactorily for the lung symptoms, and the rapid failure fr the last few weeks.

Aug. 16. The funeral services of Sidney Merriam consisted of prayer at the house and addresses, singing and prayer at the cemetery. Mr McLoud made some eulogistic remarks and was followed by

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Mr Gammell of Boxford who also closed the services with prayer.

Sidney Merriam was 35 years old - He went to college D.C. in 1857, the same year in which I came to Topsfield, graduated in 1861. Entered the army in 1862, enlisting for three years - served to the close of the war. Afterwards was in Colorado a few years. engaged in Stock Raising. For the last few years, has been at home engaged in making improvements on the farm - and in performing the duties of various public town offices - in which he took a great interest. He was courteous in his intercourse with his fellow townsmen. a genial companion. and a general favorite.

Aug. 18 Henry Pickard's child died - had whooping cough many weeks - at last cholera infantum proved fatal in a few hours -

" 20 Mr Gammell preached at the M. E. Church - Heard him in the afternoon - Went with Dr Shreve, who boards in town to see Mr Curwens child

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Aug 22. Mrs McLane confined - A swelling in the left labium about the breadth of a quarter of a dollar. caused a weakness of the perineum which was lacerated to the sphincter ani. - to stitches in it. The anal portion healed - but the unhealthy part towards the fourchette ~~did~~ did not heal - although sewed a second time. - sensation was little on the diseased side -

" 24. Went to Camp Meeting P.M. Rev Mr Meredith preached an able discourse - from the text, "the foundation of God standeth sure".

" 28 Republican Caucus.

" 30 Mrs W. H. Roberts. Hernia right inguinal. quite large swelling - painful not reduced by moderate taxis - Opiates & baths. afterwords spontaneously reduced. Recommend truss - Has also less prominent hernia in left side - A double truss applied at Codman & Shurtleff's -

Sept. 2 Library committee meet - consent to be treasurer of the com.

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Sept. 5. Went to Worcester as delegate to the State Republican Convention. Was obliged to ~~vote against~~ the renomination of Gov. ~~Rice because of his views~~ upon prohibition and Capital Punishment –

" 6 Sidney Merriam gave $1000 dollars to the town library. Arthur hands to the committee Buffalo Branch Bond for $1000.

" 9 A newborn girl at the Boxford Parsonage.

" 16 Called to Francis Twisden son of Saml. Twisden Boxford – taken with headache in the morning. – had not been quite well for two or three days previously. – By 4 o'clock P.M. he became insensible – saw him about 7. P.M. in the same condition with great jactitation – symptoms indicated cerebro-spinal-meningitis. External remedies and internal as far as they could be administered had only a little effect. Dr Root of Georgetown called in about midnight – gave subcutaneous injection of morphine which relaxed the jaws somewhat, and, produced a more quiet condition

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The subcutaneous injections of morphine and rectal injections of Chloral hydrate were continued with positive relief - The patient, the afternoon of the 17th began to fail more rapidly and died Sept. 18. less than
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48 hours from the time he was attacked.

" " Town meeting - Did not attend - Action on the roads - by Asa Bixby's & near Ira Porters

" 21 Called to Mrs Deborah Kimball, sick, near 97 yrs.

" 25 Republican Caucus -

" 27 Cattle Show. Attended - Fine ~~dis~~ exhibition of fruit - at Peabody Institute Listened to address by Mr Tracy of Lynn

Oct. 3 Amputated a supernumerary thumb of child a few months old of Francis Frame. The member was attached to the skin over the metacarpal bone of the thumb.

" 8 John Leary, a prominent Irishman died - 22 carriages are said to have followed him to Salem

" 11 Attended Conference at East Boxford P.M.

Mr Secy Treat addressed the meeting. Also a French minister from Salem (& a French Canadian delegate from Canada. Mr R. P. Waters gave an interesting account of Maria Peabody who supported a heathen girl at school in Ceylon for many years. She is now in the old Ladies' home) in Lowell.

Oct. 14 Went to Boston, made purchases a few - obtained the Decameron of Boccaccio.

In the evening Dr Geo. B. Loring candidate for Congress addressed the citizens of Topsfield in the Town Hall. - A company of the Georgetown Republicans, with torches escorted the candidate from Mr C. Herrick's, and to his house after the lecture.

" 15 A light snow in the morning.
" 20 Went to Hamilton, saw friends, went down to the pond. four large ice houses are being erected there.
" 24. Called to Howard Andrews, aged 14 yrs. stepped on a rusty nail eight days before. wound discharged something for a few days. healed. Jaws stiff. Lockjaw. felt something of it yesterday. at supper ~~time~~ muscles of jaw partly contracted. this morning 24th

jaws stiff, could not open them but
a little. Prescribed cathartic, Dovers
powder & antispasmodics. P. M. was
worse, morphine produced some effect
apparently. But back was getting stiff
& muscles of back & neck affected.
partial opisthotonos. Dr. G. G. Hurd was
called, who also brot Dr Tucker. they
cut down upon a tender spot on the
upper part of the foot - marks of the nail
middle toe nerve affected, divided - one
stitch taken in wound - poultice ap-
plied - next day got worse in afternoon
and night. gave morphine & chloral
hydrate but could not administer
but little of the latter - As these had
no effect the patient inhaled chloroform
which quieted him, according to the
amount inhaled. jaws entirely stiff. 26th
convulsive spasms # nearly all the voluntary
muscles affected, mind clear - died
Oct. 26 10. o'clock & 10 minutes - Thursday eve -
muscles rigid after death -

" 27 Went to Boston, Purchased tickets for
Philadelphia. by the Fall River Line.
Tick$ 11. State Room $2. To Philadelphia
& return.

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Oct. 28 Busy visiting patients
A convention of this representative district comprising the towns of Saugus, Lynnfield, Middleton, & Topsfield met at Lynnfield yesterday & nominated F. P. Merriam of Middleton for representative to Genl. Court.

21st Hon Chas P. Thompson of Gloucester who represents this district in congress. Spoke at the town hall. His statements of the condition of affairs in the Southern States did not fully meet the exigencies of the case.
The democrats turned out in force with torches— had a supper after the lecture.

" 29 Been busy in visiting patients, preparatory to starting for the centennial to-morrow.

In conversation with Dr Eastham of Boston the 27th he related interesting anecdotes of Dr Twichell of Keene, with whom Dr E- studied medicine.

1– Returned from [illegible]
election day, voted
[illegible] for [illegible]
Prohibition candidate for Gov.
Morning of 8th Tilden was [illegible]
as probably elected, and was
[illegible] conceded by the [illegible]
[illegible] night the news was [illegible]
[illegible]able for the election of Hayes.
[illegible] thought the battle [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] the next [illegible]
many Republicans claimed [illegible]
[illegible] to elect Hayes by one [illegible]
12th attended church, [illegible]
of the [illegible] church, Ipswich [illegible]
an able young man.
14th, Child of Henry [illegible]
[illegible] old last June. Was first [illegible]
7th – a malignant case of [illegible]
fever and diphtheria – [illegible]
throat, high fever and heat of skin.
A younger child had the fever [illegible]
[illegible] the eruption of scarlet [illegible]
[illegible].
17th. [illegible] died. [illegible]
[illegible] two or three [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible]

Returned from Philadelphia [illegible] 2nd
[illegible]
after she returned for a few days, had
extreme prostration, stupor [illegible]
not notice or realize much after [illegible].
Dr. [illegible] saw her Tuesday, expressed a
favorable opinion but she was no better
afterward –

Charles Lake son of John C. Lake [illegible]
severe attack of asthma, relieved in an
hour or two. Gave emetic –

[illegible] 20. Mrs Ayers of Suffield [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] children, has there [illegible]
[illegible] returned home from the 10th
about two days was taken sick [illegible]
[illegible] exposed, on one [illegible]
[illegible] bed, was hoarse, had difficult
breathing, dyspnea increased. [illegible]
[illegible] sick, [illegible]
Sunday. Saturday night [illegible]
coughed up a false membrane [illegible]
[illegible] complete cast of the [illegible]
[illegible] a tube of [illegible]
branches, from the bronchial tubes.

P. H. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the afternoon of [illegible] [illegible]
grew worse and died at [illegible]
o'clock in the evening.
Dr Root of Georgetown [illegible] [illegible]
the morning a short time before
[illegible].

24th Child of Dr. Welch died, [illegible]
had congenital umbilical hernia.
The mass which appeared to be
an [illegible] of the cord, [illegible]
connected with the tumor, [illegible]
the size of a pullets egg. The
[illegible] the action of the intestines
interfered with in some [illegible]
the hernia did not seem [illegible]
and discharges of meconium [illegible]
[illegible]. Health failed. [illegible]
[illegible] had convulsions.

25th. Mrs Salmon, from [illegible]
[illegible] Welch's, dislocated the [illegible]
[illegible] — reduced it by the [illegible]
the [illegible],
27. Buried in Topsfield, child, [illegible] old [illegible]
30th [illegible]

at Hamilton

[illegible] B. Hume Howe, of Boxford, had [illegible]
Been several weeks, [illegible]
Had cancrum oris. [illegible]

" 8 Arthur Perkins, child of David
Perkins, had horse bite, little finger
badly cut, necessitate [illegible]
of portion of the bone.

Slight snow. Fine sleighing.

Went to Boston. Purchased [illegible]
[illegible]ment –
Cleared away very cold – high wind
People moved briskly, making
purchases for Christmas presents.

17 Very cold day. Ther. morning −10.
[illegible] 2 at [illegible] days, at [illegible] zero [illegible]
the day.

18 Remarkable changes in the weather –
Morning, cold about zero, in [illegible]
[illegible] rise of temperature to [illegible]
P.M. grew cooler with snow, light[illegible]
and thunder. [illegible]

[illegible] Mary [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible] — 34 [illegible]
[illegible]ed.

21st [illegible] Mary Pike Jaques, [illegible]
[illegible]field, who had been [illegible]
since her marriage, a few (several) [illegible]
ago, had [illegible]
[illegible] weekend. — [illegible]
in the face and [illegible].
She went to West Boxford [illegible]
died the 17th inst. suddenly.

1879

Jan. 1. Attended the annual meeting of the N.E.H.G. Society. President Wilder gave an elaborate and learned and eloquent address — he considered especially some of the wonderful discoveries of the last hundred years — Mr Wilder is 80 years old — His address was characterized with a youthful vigor not to be expected in one of his years —

Visited patients in the night — There was a concert of music at the Hall by "Brown's Brigade Band" of Boston — followed by a dance —

Did not attend the concert. Never go to dances —

Jan. 2. Snow — sufficient for sleighing.

" 3. A cold, rough day — high wind. Sleighing. In the evening J. W. Preston, Esq. lectured upon Russia, Claims and ambitions. In the lecturer's view, Russia aims at universal conquest. Especially does she have in view the occupation of Constantinople, Central Asia & India, and the establishment of a panslavic empire. The course of lectures of which this was the first, has been instituted by the munificence of Thomas W. Pierce —

1873

Jan 4. Sat. visited patients —
Jan 5 Sun. Visited patients — had several new cases.
" 6 Attended prayer meeting at the vestry. audience rather small. This is the "week of prayer"
" 8 Called to see Mrs. Coleman [illegible] [illegible] — was [illegible]
" 12 Called to see Mr. Cleveland of [illegible] [illegible] fever — [illegible] congestion of the [illegible]
" 14 Called in the night to [illegible] a sinking spell — rallied [illegible] Dr. Ward saw him P.M. [illegible] his recovery doubtful.
A lecture in the free course by Mr. [illegible] [illegible]ville, on "Rambles among the mountains". Was not able to attend it.
" 18 Mrs. Emily Goulie died of pneumonia aged 56 yrs. & 7 mos. A violent attack on the 14th increased in severity and terminated fatally at 5.40 P.M. to day. [illegible] Choate of Salem saw the [illegible] [illegible] Saturday.
I have boarded with this family for five years and more.
Dr. Chase saw with me [illegible] Wm. H. Cook.
" 19. [illegible] was unable to see [illegible]

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Jan 17 Dr [illegible] saw him the eve of the 15th — and also again to see him the eve of the 17th. Saw him the morning of the 17th a week from the time he was taken sick.

Dr. Choate saw Mrs Wm. W. Cleaveland with this P.M. He had little or no hope of her recovery.

" 20 Went to Wenham. Found that John M. Cook died in the night at about 1 A.M., a violent case of Pneumonia. The disease is exceptionally [illegible] this winter.

" 21 Funeral of Mrs Gould, — Mr [illegible] con-ducted the services - Read Scripture. Remarks and Prayer. - Mr McLeod also took part in the services, making an address.

" 23 Mrs Wm. N. Cleaveland of Boxford, died pneumonia, aged 75 -

" 24 Dr Kemble came up to ~~see~~ Mrs [illegible] She fell in an epileptic fit, and injured the right hip. - walked after the injury. Dr K thought there was inflammation at the hip joint. I advised a weight of one pound to extend the limb and relieve pressure at the joint. Iod. to hip — $\frac{1}{30}$ gr strychnia twice a day for the epilepsy. also bromides.

" 25 Started to go to Solomon Kimballs, Wenham — horse took fright at a load of hay left by the roadside - Broke sleigh.

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Jan 30 [illegible] dressed [illegible] wound on forehead for Mrs [illegible] she fell on Tremont St. Boston. Spent the day visiting patients, [illegible].

31 Dr Nahum Capen of Boston lectured in the free course, upon Spurzheim and Phrenology. Dr Capen knew and was intimate with Spurzheim when the latter was in Boston. attended his lectures, — was intrusted by him with tickets, to be given to poor persons who were interested and likely to be benefited by his lectures, — went with him to the different churches. Where put in a carpeted pew. Spurzheim remarked that they had a pew for the rich and another for the poor. Dr Capen's lecture was written 43 years ago, dealt for the most part with general principles — did not contain much which any would object.

Feb. 1 Horse ran — was thrown out of the sleigh had a rib broken. Sleigh broken badly.

2 Unable to ride with a driver.

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Feb. 7 Prof. Stockbridge of the Mass: Agricultural College lectured in the free course - He spoke at length in a general way upon Agriculture - The latter part of the lecture treated of some practical points to be observed by the farmer in the cultivation of the soil:

Feb. 8 Have been able to ride during the week and visit patients - Had a lower-

" 9 Sunday. Spent the day at Bald Hill, Boxford, attending a case of midwifery

" 11 Dr Perkins of New York lectured upon Robert Burns and his works - Said some good things of Burns Style of oratory, sophomorean -

" 15. Dr Kimble came to see Mrs Thomas Kneeland who has a fracture at the shoulder joint. The scapula. Put on a shoulder cap. To keep it on two or three weeks

" 17 Dr Kimble came again to see Clarence Balch - has diphtheria, - throat better -

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F. 17 [illegible] suffers [illegible] little - with dizziness spells which may be emotional. Dr K. advised Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia for the sinking and a pill of 1 gr each of Phosphate of iron and of Sulphate of Quinine and 1/30 gr Strychnia. Takes it each night. 20th Dr Kemble saw Clarence again for a minute.

" 18 called to Abiel H. Gould. - found him sitting in rocking chair. held eye glasses in right hand - left hand and arm paralyzed - also left foot. - face drawn to right side - rational but said little answered questions. - Foot bath - counter irritants - cathartics - Dr Kemble cupped the temples and neck on the 19th did not get much blood - the patient became unconscious about 5 P.M. the 20th and died at 3.50 o'clock P.M. on the 21 -

" 18 Prof. Brown of Tufts College, read in the Free course of lectures - Was not able to attend.

" 21 Rev. E. C. Bolles of Salem, lectured and gave illustrations on the microscope.

" 24 Funeral of Mr Gould. at the church - Rev Mr Hodges read from the scriptures.

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F. 26, Rev. Mr. Fitts addressed the mourners and the audience and followed with prayer. The Masonic Fraternity from Danvers Middleton and Topsfield performed their burial service in the church. The remains were afterward followed to the North cemetery and deposited in a grave.

Mar. 2 Attended church P. M. and eve. Think it is the attendance at church since the year came in.

Mar. 4 Annual Town Meeting, Was present. Among the officers elected were
Saml. Todd - Moderator
Edward S. Towne. Clerk
Salmon D. Hood }
John W. Potter } selectmen
Baxter P. Pike }
Money raised and appropriated about as last year.

Mar. 6 Attend Mrs Azel M. Lacy, of No. Andover in her confinement.

" 7 Attended Mrs Chas. Guilford in Linebrook - the same.

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Mar. 7 Attended parish meeting — Seems that they are stirring up things concerning the minister: Geo Peabody is reported as calling upon Mr Fitts in open meeting to say whether certain remarks of his (Fitts) referred to him (Peabody). Mr Fitts replied that it was not proper for him to say a similar — and Mr Peabody is offended.

Mar. 10 Made out a certificate to advise the appointment of a guardian for E. Perkins Potter of Linebrook.

Mar. 11 Wrote a letter to Classmate Runnells of Sanbornton N.H. — Secy of Class of '53.

Heard the notes of the bluebird for the first time this season

" 16 Attended Church A. P.M. — Vestry in the eve. Mr Lowe of Linebrook preached on the greatness of God's works. Ps. CXI-2-4
In eve. Mr Jacobs made strictures on church going, to which Mr Fitts effectually replied.

" 17 Mr Fowler came in the eve. and Clarence Balch.

" 23 Attended parish meeting — [illegible]

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[illegible] preached, [illegible] not [illegible]. Attended prayer meetings in the [illegible] in the evening. A large attendance.

Hear that a church meeting was appointed for Tuesday evening - [illegible] to take action in opposition to the [illegible] voter.

" 24 Hear that there is an active and bitter opposition to Mr. Fitts.

25 Hear A. S. [illegible] is circulating a paper, expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. Fitts, among the voting members of the church for their signatures, & he represents that two thirds of the church will sign it.

" 26 Informed that the church meeting held last night, passed a vote, 13 to 7, looking towards terminating the pastorate of Mr. Fitts. The negative votes were Tho. [illegible], Horace Welch, John U. Dodge, [illegible], Chas. H. Holmes, Everett [illegible] and [illegible] Billings. Samuel [illegible] did not vote.

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[illegible] 21 Parish meeting [illegible] [illegible]
elected [illegible], [illegible]
A. S. Peabody elected.
Clerk [illegible]
Parish committee.
Chas. Merrick
Ezra Towne
E. H. Holmes
A. S. Peabody
T. S. Clifford
The three former declined to serve.
Benj Jacobs, was elected -
Several persons were elected, but declined
At length it was voted that the
Parish committee consist of three for the
ensuing year. So the Com. consist of Peabody
Clifford and Jacobs.
Daniel E. Hurd was admitted a member -
Voted that the proceeds of any sale of the
house and land on Summer St., presented
to the Parish by Jos E. Stanwood, be
vested as a permanent fund, to be called
the Stanwood Fund, the income to be
appropriated for the preaching, in accordance with the provisions of the [illegible]
Voted to endeavor to raise $1000 by voluntary Subscription, for [illegible]

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[illegible] to appropriate 500. [illegible] for preaching was voted down.

It appeared to be the conviction of some who have been friends of Mr. Fitts, that the pastorate will be changed the coming year.

[illegible] Learn that the votes at church meeting, Tuesday, were in favor of a resolve approving [illegible] of Mr. Fitts were cast by A. S. Nichols, Calton Peabody, Deacon Perkins, [illegible] Gould, Chas. J. Peabody, Wm. H. [illegible], [illegible] Halstead, Benj. Jacobs, [illegible] Henderson, J. Peter Gould, E. S. Clifford, W. Balch, [illegible], and Israel Reed or James Waters.

[illegible] Gould did not vote.

A paper circulated among the church of similar import to the above resolution, had several additional signers, [illegible] Dudley Perkins, Mrs Francis Welch, John [illegible]ke, Humphrey Balch, and [illegible].

Mr Benjamin Towne, [illegible] died. Aged 86.

30. Mr Fitts, at the Vestry in the evening [illegible] concerning Lazarus, and spoke of the act of dying and of death.

[illegible]

Said Lazarus might not have had sufficient experience of the future world, to have remembered and related facts concerning it when he returned to conscious existence in this world. Entrance into the world to come might have been like our entrance into this, the period infantile -

Did not attend church in the day time - Mr Pitts preached a [illegible] sermon, suggested by the fact that he had been reading Dr E. H. Clarke's book entitled "Visions". Recommended the work to the audience -

Jan 31 Seen much stormy weather, [illegible] and snow, and exceptionally bad travelling for a week or two past. The month closes with a snow storm.

Feb. 1 Auction of the personal estate of A. H. Gould. [illegible] though depart only a few minutes time.

" 2 Attended the meeting of the [illegible] Temperance society at [illegible].

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Apr 2 Rev. [illegible] read an [illegible] upon his travels in Russia last year - he delineated the face of the country, the people, their houses and mode of life. &c — He spent most of the time of his journey in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Smolensk and Warsaw - He gave vivid descriptions of those cities - and spoke especially of the palaces, churches and their worship."

Mr Edward Winslow read some account of the dispensing of charity in the earlier days of Boston - and spoke of the earlier alms houses of colonial days - and of later days -

" 3 Fast Day - Visited patients. - Snow P.M.

" 4th Cold at night.

" 6 Heard Mr Wright of Danvers in the afternoon - Text. Christ our Passover - Sermon able and interesting -

" 9 Samuel Andrews of Boxford died Aged 85 yrs. 6 mos. Been in feeble health since last year -

" 10 C. Alonzo Kneeland died aged 47 - 8 mo [illegible] and congestion of the lungs

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Apr. 15, Sab. Heard Mr Pitts upon the uses of Afflictions. Text taken from Job.

I made out a certificate to S. J. Barnes in the case of Daniel Andrews of Boxford, to be used at Probate court with a view to securing a Guardian for the latter.

16 Went to Boston. Spent an hour or more at the afternoon session of the House of Representatives, listening to a debate on the question whether to reduce the taxation of deposits in Savings Banks, from $\frac{3}{4}$ of one per. ct. as now, to $\frac{5}{8}$ of one per cent. It was carried to reduce the [illegible].

17 The young people have been for some days past soliciting subscriptions for purchasing silver ware for a present to the Rev. Mr Pitts. A party of about 80, comprising for the most part the contributors, met this evening at the Pastor's residence. The articles, consisting of a pitcher and salver, two goblets, a sugar bowl, a cream pitcher, a butter

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Apr 17 castor, and a spoon stand, and presented by Charles Leach, — Rev. Mr. [illegible] also made remarks. All present are reported to have enjoyed the occasion. The party and the presents were a surprise to the recipients.

In the course of Mr. Fitts' remarks accepting the gift, he stated that the deacons of the church had called upon him, in January, and reported the action of the church in the vote of 13 to 7 looking towards his usefulness here being at an end in their opinion.

Nathaniel Smith of Boxford died suddenly, at 8 P.M. He had an acute attack of rheumatism of about a week's standing, which was treated by his wife. The attack was attended by dyspnoea in paroxysms, in one of which he died. His age was 70 yrs. 10 mos.

" 18 Severe N. E. storm

" 19 Snow. Some sleighs were out.

" 23 Went to Boston. Justin Winsor librarian of Harvard College, [illegible]

[illegible]

meeting of the [illegible] Society, [illegible] Western [illegible].

[illegible] Samuel [illegible] Andrews of Boxford [illegible] aged 86. He had [illegible] one foot (the right) [illegible] months standing. The [illegible] to his death he had a [illegible] of paralysis. He had a [illegible] on the [illegible] side, several years ago. Mr Andrews [illegible] many years [illegible] on the business of getting out [illegible] timber, in company with [illegible] Dean Andrews.

27 Sunday – Visited patients

30 [illegible] Bixby, daughter of [illegible] of Boxford. Died this morning [illegible] o'clock. Been sick since [illegible] Returned home from [illegible] several weeks ago. Think she had a tumor [illegible] on left side of [illegible] had stoppage [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for ten days. Cathartics and enemas did not act. Gave anodynes and nutritive enemas.

Snow not all gone in sheltered places.

Apl 2 Went to Hamilton. Saw friends - [illegible] Burnham showed me his leg broken (the tibia) in January.

" 4 Attended the monthly concert in the eve. In the afternoon, Mr. Pitts, read a notice [illegible] a request of about 18 members of the church, that a meeting of the church be called after the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, to determine whether the pastoral relation should be dissolved. The request and names were read.

" 6 Attended the monthly meeting of the Historic Genealogical Society in Somerset St. Augustine Jones read a paper upon Nicholas Upsall.
Mr Safford presented a pair of the identical Tractors of Dr Elisha Perkins. The had occasioned much enthusiasm and had

[illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] for-
the care of [illegible] complaints, &c.
Obituary notices [illegible] of [illegible],
[illegible] and others -
Mr Shafter presided, and alluded
to the president, Marshall P. Wilder,
who is laid up with a broken hip.
He thought he might be with us a-
gain. Dr Louis Clarke spoke un-
hopefully. Mr Wilder is 80 years old.

Purchased to-day, "The History of
Provençal Poetry" and Lady Brassey's voyage

A church meeting held. The
call is said to have been signed by
about 18 or 19 of the voting members
of church. Not many were at
the meeting. A committee was
appointed to invite the Parish to
coöperate with the church in calling
a council with a view of dismiss-
ing the Rev. Mr. Felts from the pastorate,
and in case the Parish don't coöperate
to call an exparte council.
The vote is understood to have stood
14, for calling a council - 7 against calling it.
7 First heard the notes of the oriole.

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May 11. Warrant for a Parish meeting posted. The principal article is to see if the Parish will cooperate with the church in uniting in a council to dismiss the Rev. James A. Pike, from the office of pastor.
Mr Richardson preached in the P.M. - heard him. - Mr Gleason of Leominster preached in the forenoon. Mr Richardson was at school here in the Academy about 25 years ago - at the same time with Mr Gleason. Mr R. was a teacher.
I was called out of the evening meeting early.
Saw the first bumble bee.

" 18. Mr Clarke preached in the afternoon. He is the new Methodist minister. - Preached ably.

" 20. Parish meeting at 2 P.M. J. S. Peabody chosen moderator by nomination. 7 or 8 new members were admitted. While the article to see what disposition the parish would make of the parish land, was being discussed, I was called out of the meeting to attend a case of accident.

I hear that the meet[illegible] voted [illegible] by 11
not to cooperate with the church in
calling a council to advise in relation
to the dismission of the Rev. James [illegible]
from the pastorate. There was a free
discussion upon the question.
Complimentary resolutions were passed
by a vote of 21 to 11 -
Some informal action was taken upon
the amount of the minister's salary for
the coming year in which it appeared
to be the sense of the parish that about
eight hundred dollars was all they
could conveniently raise.

1 An adjourned Church Meeting.
As near as I can learn the meeting
was adjourned one week in order to
see whether Mr Fitts would resign
on account of the action with regard
to the salary.

I was called out of parish meeting [illegible]
[illegible] John Fitch, who was [illegible] the
water wheel repairing [illegible] at the [illegible]
[illegible] North District, when the [illegible]
[illegible] started the wheel and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] well.

Mr. Appleton in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] day — called to see Miss Ruth C. Perkins. She came from Exeter yesterday with her brother. Heart disease has been developed during the few past months — the lungs are engorged — breathing very difficult and labored, — from mitral insufficiency. Countenance is dusky. Blood not well aerated. She seems to realize her case, & her mother expressed some doubt whether she would get home alive.

B. B. Bowen, the blind preacher, preached in the afternoon, and exhorted in the evening. Had a contribution taken. He has travelled much in this country and Canada, and has been to England.

2 Miss Perkins died. She had the left breast removed at the Boston City Hospital last year for Scirrhous tumor

A slight frost this morning. Some tender vegetables were cut off.

30 [illegible] at the church. Music by a quartette. Mr Pitts read from the Scriptures, made remarks and followed by prayer.

The adjourned [illegible] church meeting [illegible]. It is said that it was voted to call a council, and to invite Mr Pitts to unite with the church in doing the same, - and that a committee was appointed to invite Mr Pitts.

1 Mr Gammell preached on exchange with Mr Pitts. Notice was given from the pulpit of the adjourned church-meeting on Friday evening.
An extremely warm day. Thermometer reported at 95° F. and over.

" 7 Heard that the church meeting adjourned sine die, leaving the committee previously chosen, viz. [illegible] Balch, A. S. Peabody and C. J. Peabody to call a council at their discretion. Have heard that there are some indications of [illegible] on the [illegible] of Mr Pitts.

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June 6. Attended meeting [illegible] [illegible].

" 10 Attended the meeting of the M. C. S. at the Mass. Genl. Hospital. Several cases of excision of joints were presented, their results only [illegible] by Dr Porter.
Also a case of sensation in the little finger, where the ulnar nerve had been divided.
Also an interesting case of extrophy of the bladder, operated on by Dr [illegible] nearly well - the best result I have seen or read of.
Dr Porter removed a tumour of the neck, probably cancerous.
The principal operation of the day was that of litholapaxy by Dr Bigelow. The patient was a man 65 yrs old. A stone was completely removed from the bladder in about an hour, the time of instrumentation being only 29 minutes, by crushing and pumping out the sand and fragments. It is Dr Bigelow's operation.
At the surgical ward [illegible] with Dr Porter, he showed a [illegible] treated with [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible]
of the oesophagus. He could not [illegible]
The improvement in three weeks has
been very marked. Dose 5 [illegible]

A nice way of keeping the edges of
small wounds approximated is
shown, by drawing the lips together
with muslin or some [illegible]
like fabric, and fastening the [illegible]
with collodion.
At Agricultural Hall I read my
open essay upon the intestinal [illegible]
of children. In the discussion
[illegible], the fact was brought out
that beneath the [illegible]
was depended upon largely in the
treatment of the disease.

Hear that the committee of the church
met Monday evening and [illegible]
a council from the neighboring churches
to investigate the case of the charges
against the pastor.
This is unexpected to me, notwithstanding
all that has been said and [illegible]
It seems an [illegible] and [illegible]
step on the part of the committee.

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] by Dr. Garland [illegible]

Then came the dinner. The members

[illegible] into the Hall (entrance by the

Tremont St. entrance), being [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] sentiments [illegible]

[illegible] to call by the [illegible]

[illegible] made by [illegible], the [illegible]

[illegible] by Dr Garland, — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have omitted to mention [illegible]

speeches by Lieut. Gov. Long and [illegible]

Beard.

4 [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] committee [illegible]

[illegible]

to purchase [illegible]

[illegible], and [illegible].

5 Notice was given in the afternoon

of the meeting of the [illegible]

Visitors received only on Saturday

[illegible] with the committee [illegible]

[illegible] to present to the [illegible].

15 He read the charges against present. Now that the [illegible] of the charges is that the [illegible] is not sufficiently [illegible] his sermons are not spiritual, and not [illegible] to influence persons to become Christians — that he [illegible] duct the social meetings in [illegible] manner, — that he uses "the [illegible] and unedifying" in the social meetings! [illegible]

16 The twenty fifth anniversary of the [illegible] of the M. E. Church took place in the evening, by commemorative services in the Church and [illegible] festival in the basement. [illegible] that was [illegible] [illegible] absent [illegible] [illegible]. The former pastors [illegible] to be present [illegible] [illegible] but only one [illegible] the Rev. Mr. Atkinson who [illegible]. The clergyman [illegible] the Church, the pastor [illegible] some [illegible] the early history of the church. Mr. Atkinson I understand, made [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 11. Ecclesiastical Council called by the [illegible] Church
at 7½ P.M. — Churches invited [illegible]
South Church Salem — Mr [illegible]
Manchester Mr [illegible]
Peabody Mr
Maple St. Danvers. Mr [illegible]
Wenham. Mr
Hamilton Mr Frink
Ipswich South Mr
Georgetown, Memorial. Mr [illegible]
Boxford Mr [illegible]
Middleton. Mr Tyler
Mr Wright of Danvers was not present.
Mr [illegible] was chosen moderator.
Mr Scribe
Rev. A. P. Peabody presented the case for the church.
But first sought to state that the council through a committee [illegible] of Mr Frink, Mr Gammell and [illegible] conferred with Mr Fitts and [illegible] him to come in to the council [illegible] make it mutual. Mr Fitts consented to come in.
Rev. Peabody then read a paper in [illegible] of the church. The substance of it was that the pastor had not [illegible]

[illegible] his sermons were [illegible]
[illegible], and not such as [illegible]
to induce people to become [illegible]
that he did not conduct the [illegible]
meetings in a proper manner, and
that he uses "strange, [illegible]
and unedifying" expressions in [illegible]
public efforts. The further [illegible]
the case [illegible] by way of question and
answer, several members of the [illegible]
[illegible] to questions, [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] Jacoby, [illegible],
and [illegible] Clifford.
Mr. Pitts on his part made [illegible]
[illegible] defence, but spoke [illegible]
[illegible] points. He did not consent to
unite with the church [illegible]
the council, because the people [illegible]
[illegible] and young people [illegible]
largely in his favor, and not [illegible]
there was need of calling a [illegible].
Papers were put in signed by members
of the church, expressions of [illegible]
[illegible] for the pastor. One paper [illegible]
by 13 male members, I think
[illegible] signed by 27 or 30 female
members. It appeared that [illegible]

18[illegible]

Jun 17 [illegible] members had already expressed a desire and preference for Mr. Pitts to come. Mr. Pitts called upon several members of the church and parish to speak upon certain points. Mr. Kerrick made some remarks in which he said he thought ~~the council~~ there was no need of calling a council. Saml. Todd spoke upon the character of Mr. Pitts preaching. Charles Peck spoke for the young people. I was asked to give my testimony on the matter of [illegible] the pick for the part of Mr. Pitts, and said a few words. In season I asked Dea. Peabody, Ch. of the The Com. who represented the church, if he would abide by the decision of the council. He answered affirmatively. Thos. J. Peabody likewise agreed to abide the decision. On the other side Mr. Pitts said the same. At nearly 4. P.M. the council voted to be by themselves. It was about 6 o'clock when they agreed upon the result, which was that the charges against Mr. Pitts were not sufficiently proved, that there were [illegible] in their character. that the troubles in the church might have been [illegible]

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June 17 by our exercise of more christian charity on the part of the church, but there should be one more honest effort to reconcile matters and that if the difficulties were not healed in a reasonable time the pastoral [illegible] ought to be dissolved.

" 24 To-day — Mr Frink preached. I went to church P.M. but was [illegible] out in sermon time. Text. Ps. XLVI. 4. There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. For the purposes of the discourse he interpreted the term river as meaning christian love..

" 26 Festival held at the small hall in the new town hall, by the society connected with the womans board of missions. Mrs Fitts presided. The exercises consisted of music by children, declamations, dramatic exercises, — & Miss Helen Peabody recited several pieces. A pleasant occasion. There were also entertainments in [illegible] confectionery &c ——

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June 30. Went to Hamilton — visited relatives.

July 4 visited patients. A quiet day. [illegible] [illegible].

" 13 Rev. Fielder Israel of the first church (Unitarian) of Salem, who is stopping in town preached in the forenoon for Mr Whittier. did not hear him. In the afternoon the pulpit was occupied by Mr Crane. the methodist minister. He preaches well.

" 16. A very warm day. So the two previous days. In the afternoon about four o'clock or a little past, a high wind, attended with thunder lightning and rain came suddenly, — the hardest blow perhaps since the September gale 8 or ten years ago. Some trees were blown down and many branches of trees were torn off by the force of the wind. The gale lasted about 6 or 8 minutes.

" 18 Went to Boston. At the old South Church I saw the working of the inventions of Edison, by which the sound of the human voice is written on metalic sheets, which may be

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repeated long after the speaker's voice is silent in death — also the microphone by which the sound of a fly walking its wire cage is communicated to the ear at the distance of 600 feet.
The Old South Church is used as a museum old relics illustrating the history of the Country.

July 20 Spent several hours with Thos. H. Pierce, at his residence, suffering with an attack which seemed like indigestion complicated with congestion of the liver. Relieved and obtained rest at night

" 21 Dr Smith of Lowell came, his old family physician.

" 31 Terrible weather this month extreme heat, and [illegible] weather. I spent [illegible] [illegible] partial.

1. Michael Buckley's child died [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 6 months [illegible]
[illegible] 6 days, [illegible]
[illegible], The child was [illegible]
[illegible] two days ago [illegible]
[illegible] hoping that it [illegible]
[illegible] benefitted by a change [illegible]

[illegible] Pitts leaves for [illegible]
[illegible] to Carolina now, he has been
for several days quite unwell,
[illegible] feel for him. [illegible]
[illegible] are the [illegible]
of his illness.

" 25 Mr. John [illegible] died, aged [illegible],
[illegible] of 12 days [illegible].
The disease is [illegible] in the
family – two others are now sick.

" 26 Funeral of John [illegible] at the [illegible]
Church. Services conducted by [illegible]
[illegible] died in Alabama. [illegible]
[illegible] with other persons [illegible]
[illegible] when he [illegible]

" 2[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
had been postponed. Was [illegible]
[illegible] before. Was [illegible]
for the [illegible], [illegible]
the ocean [illegible] than [illegible]
other place near here.

" [illegible] Attended Mrs. Clarke, wife of the
[illegible] of the M. E. Church. [illegible]
gave birth to a son.

" 31 [illegible] preached. A. M. [illegible]
Ps. LXII and LXIII – Hymns [illegible]
522 of "Book of Praise". [illegible]
P. M. went to the [illegible] Church, [illegible]
[illegible] preached, text. I Cor. XV, 5[illegible].
Praise and prayer meeting at
the M. E. Church in the evening.

Sept 1. Mr. Dudley G[illegible] was [illegible]
over in his yard near the [illegible]
by a horse and hay tedder. [illegible]
taken up insensible. Had [illegible]
[illegible] left side of head, [illegible]
[illegible] of the body. [illegible]
the ear.

1877

Sept 2 [illegible] Perkins died at 11.15, A.M. He was at no time conscious. At 1.40, P.M. a grand child was born to him in the same house. His age was 83 yrs. and about 10 months.

" 4 [illegible] Perkins funeral to-day. [illegible] officiated at the services which were at his late residence.

5 Was called to see Mr Nehemiah Perkins. He was on the way to the funeral [illegible] slipped and fell on a rock, cutting a wound in the left side of the head about an inch ~~[illegible]~~ in length. Put on plaster, to use cool water and alcohol. Mr Nehemiah was born in 1794. Remembers Dr Huntington preaching the funeral sermon of Washington. Recollects that Dr Huntington cried (shed tears).

" 8 Dr Potts returned home yesterday from vacation improved in health, — today occupied the pulpit — I attended the public services.

" 9 Called at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1871

Sept 7 [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] family [illegible] the
self, some years ago.
Was called to see Mrs David Welch. Sick with erysipelas. She has had ~~two~~ attacks of the same disease previously. She is 74 and about 10 months old.

" 10 Notice of a caucus of the Republican party this night, to choose delegates to State Convention at Worcester.
Met the Board of Health [illegible] to the parents [illegible] [illegible] visit.

" 12 Mrs Emma Cass Berry died of puerperal convulsions about 23 hours after confinement. 15th Buried in the [illegible] cemetery. Father Haley conducted services at the house (West End). The procession then went to the Church in Danvers where funeral services were held.

" 14 Heard Mr Tyler of Middleton preach. A.M.

1877

Sept. 21. Attended church all day. Mr F[illegible]
In the evening gave notice of an a
social class to be held Tuesday eve-
nings at the vestry, for the young
people monthly - exercise to be literary
to some extent —

" 26 A severe frost - ice formed about
the village. Was a slight frost
some days previously.

" 28 Mr French of Tewksbury preached.

" 29 Called upon Mrs Deborah Kimball
who will be 100 years old in a few days.
She is well, and retains her faculties

Oct. 1. Was present at the monthly meeting
of the N. E. H. Genealogical Society. Rev.
Elias Nason read an able and in-
teresting essay on Sir Henry Vane.
The autograph of Gov. Vane was ex-
hibited and passed around the hall,
among the audience. It was attached
to a document for the founding of a
public school - [illegible]

Henry [illegible]

He lived on the corner of Pemberton Square and Tremont St. where is now a [illegible] store.
Anne Hutchinson at the same time lived at the corner of Washington and School Street. - Williams [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Oct. 2 Was present at the centennial birthday of Mrs Deborah Kimball. Reaching her hundred years she was well with her faculties well preserved. The gathering was arranged so as not to weary the venerable lady. The [illegible] was made up of her descendants, relatives and a few other friends. The floral display was most worthy. A large centennial cake was a marked feature of the occasion. Between 40 and 50 sat down to the tables together at the head of which was the honored [illegible]. A project was started to raise a centennial fund for the benefit of aged women of [illegible] in their own homes.

It was proposed that myself should be one of the trustees of the fund. Between $150 and $175 were subscribed at the time. The townspeople are to be solicited to subscribe to the fund.

.13 Miss French, who has been in missionary labor in India, spoke upon the work of missions there, in the Congregational church, afternoon & evening.

.14 Hear that the opposition to Mr Fitts in the church is likely to break out again soon. The matter is being talked up in a clandestine manner.

.15 The signers to the "Church building Centennial Fund" met and appointed Allen M. Merriam, John H. [illegible] & myself as trustees.
Charles Babbidge and Carrie J. [illegible] married to-day. A fashionable and brilliant wedding. I was not present. The evening very warm weather.

.16 Visited friends in Hamilton -

15 Visited the [illegible] — sale of Caleb
Cushing's Library the 22 and 2[illegible]
bought Webster's [illegible]
[illegible] and Guizot [illegible]
of the English Revolution
the latter book at a book-store.
Cushing's Library was made up
largely of works in the Spanish
language works relating to
Spain and the Spanish
States of the American Continent.
Of works [illegible] international [illegible]
[illegible] "long ago" [illegible]
was also a large collection of
books in the Chinese language.

In the evening was present at
the meeting of the trustees [illegible]
signers of the Deborah Kimball
Centennial Fund. at T. E. Kimball's
It was agreed to send [illegible]
[illegible] papers about [illegible]
[illegible] by ladies.

[illegible] Heard the Pastor of the South Church
Ipswich preached.

1878

Oct. 27 [illegible] It is said that a paper is in circulation or in existence to drive away [illegible]

" 29. Mr Howe, from Boston, a minister spoke in the Town Hall, in the interest of the Republican Party.

Nov. 1. A. M. Sumner of Boston spoke in the Town Hall in advocacy of Gen. Butler for Governor.

2. Visited patients, did not attend [illegible] meeting in the evening but was called out.

3. Stormy. A snow storm in the evening, for a short time violent.

" 4 State Election. A pleasant day but snow under foot. There were no votes about the polls for the Prohibitory candidate, Dr [illegible] — None other pleased me. So did not vote. The laws so restrict the ballots, by prescribing the size - manner of writing them. &c.

1879

that the rights of the voter are seriously interfered with. Hope these laws will be repealed at once, after the General Court meets.

Nov. 5 Returns from all but seven towns

Long	121,617	votes,
Butler	108.407	"
Adams	9761	"
Eddy	1455	"

A bad outlook for Prohibition as a distinct issue.

" 7 Attended a fan drill and a broom drill at the town hall. The occasion was got up by parties in the Congregational Society to raise the organist's salary. About 20 young ladies were drilled in imitation of the military. Refreshments were served in the lower hall.

" 9 P.M. heard the Rowley minister — Eve. Mr Fitts and Mr McLeod spoke.

Nov. 16 At church Sab. Mr Fitts preached. In the evening at the church Rev G. E. Peke was eloquent on the subject of the evangelizing of Africa. He spoke of the physical condition of the country, the effects ~~of~~ upon ~~the~~ civilization of the opening up of the country to commerce. The freedmen of our country, ~~and~~ the establishment of missions and the effects of all ~~upon~~ on the spread of the gospel over that dark continent.

„ 18 Dr W. D. Hill of Northwood N. H. came to town to reside and practise Medicine. He is a graduate of Vermont University, the present year. Has been spending some time in N. Y. since graduation

„ 23 Mr Fowle in the evening presented at the Cong. Church the cause of the Baldwin Place "Little Wanderer's Home". Four children, (girls) from the "Home" were present and sung.

The children have recently been [illegible] at the "Home" from this place. The Jones child

1879

Oct. 25 Went to a "Polyrama" at the [illegible] [illegible] objects were represented [illegible] [illegible]. Astronomical, historical, Biblical, and scenes from Bunyans Pilgrims Progress

" 27 [illegible] Mr [illegible] has related his [illegible] on board the City of Berlin", on the [illegible] from Europe. The "City of Berlin" is the largest vessel in the world [illegible] "Great Eastern". Soon after leaving Cape Clear it began to blow. The wind increased for four to five days, [illegible] A water spout was seen, came within [illegible] miles of the ship. It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]. The machinery had [illegible] almost for 24 hours [illegible] the machinery gave [illegible] [illegible]. The wind [illegible] [illegible] was asked his opinion [illegible] an old sailor, He said there was but one thing to do, put the ship head to the wind. There would be danger in doing it, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] They [illegible] the ship [illegible] [illegible] seen, and [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]

1877

Nov 26 performed upon deck, and filled the cabin partly with water. He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the ship. He offered to keep get only tickets for [illegible] and [illegible] a heading face. When the vessel was partly around she shipped a sea just abaft amidship, which carried away works upon deck and flooded the cabin with water. [illegible] himself bailed for four hours. The vessel was 10 a 15 minutes coming around to the wind. She then [illegible] safely for 36 hours. It was the 8th 72nd passage across the Atlantic. The only time he ever felt any apprehension.

" 27 Went to Hamilton. Spent thanksgiving with Aunts.

" 29 Went to Boston, Purchased Wood's Library of Standard Medical Authors of 1879, 12 volumes. — and a few other purchases.

Dec 20 Went to Boston.

" 21 Mr Hubbard of West Boxford preached.

Heard him P.M. from the text
Be ye angry and sin not.
He read a letter of Mr Fitts to
the Church, resigning his pastorate, to take place March 22.
The letter stated that a paper had
been handed to him stating that
his preaching was not satisfactory
to all. Filbert move against
Mr Fitts, came unexpectedly [illegible].
the faction opposed to Mr.
Fitts drove their work in a [illegible]
[illegible] manner. No blame attaches to Mr Fitts for resigning
under the circumstances. I hope
he will be relieved by and by
from this despicable persecution.
A very cold day

Dec 22 Snow
" 23 Sleighing
" 24 Christmas Tree. At the Church,
declamations and singing by
the children. Distribution of presents.
" 25 Christmas. Have influenza

" 28 Heard Mr Fitts preach P.M. upon [illegible]

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discourse from Prov. 22:17 –

Dec. 30. Heard that there was a church meeting at which it was voted to accept the resignation of Mr Fitts, and a committee appointed to notify the Parish and ask that body to coöperate in calling a council with a view to the dismissal of Mr Fitts

" 31 Mrs Cyrus Averill fell and broke the [illegible] bone of right side.

1880

Jan 1. Attended a good concert at the Town Hall. About eight pieces of a band from Providence were present. There were two brass instruments, two violins, one flute, one double bass viol, and one or two other instruments. The concert was finely handled. A Mrs Stone of Boston sang in a very pleasing manner. The audience was small.

" 4 Attended church. Mr Fitts preached. This is the week of prayer. Notice was given that the vestry would be open every evening during the week for holding

1880

Jan. 10 Attended weekly meetings two evenings. On one evening there was the usual respectable number; the other evening the number was quite small. It was said that Mr Fitts was not present Saturday eve, for a more nights were [illegible] when there were probably no meetings. The revived opposition to Mr Fitts just before the week of prayer was not conducive to the effects of the week.

" 11 Mr Fitts preached in the afternoon from Matt. 2. 6. — The great distinction of Bethlehem is being the birthplace of a "Governor". The idea was made prominent that all, high and low, were on the same level in religion.

" 15 Hear that the annual church meeting was held last evening

" 17 Heard of the death of George Woodbury

" 18 Sunday. Did not attend church. Mr Fitts preached. Visited patients in Boxford and Middleton as well as Topsfield

1880

Jan 20. Parish Meeting - to see if the Parish would vote with the Church in accepting the resignation of the Rev. Mr Fitts and cooperate in calling a council from the churches looking towards the dismission of the pastor. Mr Ezra Towne introduced resolutions that the Parish do not accept the resignation of Mr Fitts and that to call another council so soon after that of June 1879 would be worse than useless. The resolutions were advocated by Mr Towne the mover, by Edward S. Towne, Frederick Stiles & Moses B. Perkins - and opposed by A. S. Peabody, moderator, & Humphrey Balch Samuel Todd spoke in favor of Mr Fitts but did not vote. C. H. Holmes and Chas. Herrick favored a course complimentary to Mr Fitts at the same time to consider his resignation and to consider Mr Fitts leaving as a fixed fact.

Chas. J. Peabody occupied similar ground. The Resolutions were passed by a vote of 14 to 12.

Ezra Towne, F. Stiles, & M. B. Perkins were chosen a committee to look after the interests of the Parish in any future council in the near future.

1880

Jan 22. Went to Boston
Looked over the History of Boscawen and Webster, N.H. by C.C. Coffin, at the rooms of the N.E. Historic Genealogical Society. Among the genealogical records of the principal families I find that of the Kilburn family. —
Geo. T. Kilburn married Abigail Allen

Children

Samuel T.	b. 1816.	d. 1826
Harriet N.	1818	
Elliott T.	1820	
Enoch G.	1822	Resides in Waltham
Francis	1824	Resides in Concord
John A.	1826	d. 1860

" 25 Visited patients. Mr Fitts preached here

" 31 Changeable and for the most part mild weather for the month. Ground bare of snow, a little ice found in the woods. Know of no ice gathered here yet.

1880

Feb. 1 Heard Mr Fitts P.M. sermon upon the temptation of Christ.

" 2 Willie Fuller, child of Enos Fuller while at his grandfathers in Framingham, was taken with scarlet fever and died there, - the remains brought to Topsfield to-day.

" 4 At Boston - Heard the editor of the Advertiser read an essay upon the editors of the latter part of the 18th century and the early part of the present.

" 8 Attended the evening meeting at the vestry - Mr Fitts spoke well.

" 15 Visited patients A.M. - Headache P.M.

" 22 Attended the evening meeting at Vestry. Among other topics Mr Fitts spoke of the new translation of the Bible.
Mrs Elisabeth Adams had shock of paralysis - right side, about 10 - P.M.

" 25 Mr Chadbourne of Somerville, a Methodist minister, lectured in Wesley Hall, in the

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course of lectures got up in the Methodist Society. He treated in an interesting manner of the relations of man as a public, domestic and social being -

Feb. 26 T. T. Peirce Esq. again furnishes a free course of lectures. Prof. Brown of Tufts college inaugurated the course by a reading. Read selections from Dickens, Shakespeare, Mark Twain, Bret Harte, & others. Well done.

" 29 Sunday. Attended patients all day and evening

The Winter months close with mild weather. The month (Feb.) has been mild but very changeable. The blue birds have appeared.

Hear that repeated attempts have been made to commit Mr Fitts to the policy of calling an ecclesiastical council - A deacon and a committee have called upon him, it is said, although they left it with Mr Fitts some time ago to call a council but his
[illegible]

1880

Mar. 2 Attended Town Meeting
Samuel Cole, chosen Moderator
Edw. S. Towne Clerk
S. D. Hood }
John W. Potter } Selectmen
Moses B. Perkins }
Moses B. Perkins }
S. D. Hood } Assessors
B. P. Adams }
Moses B. Perkins } Overseers of
Andrew Gould } the Poor
Ephraim P. Peabody }
A. A. Conant. Library Committee
It was voted not to license a billiard room
The town voted to raise, I think, $8,000

" 7 Went to Church A.M. & Eve. An agent of the Tract Society preached in the afternoon, also spoke in the evening at the vestry.
Quite a sensation was produced in the church in the morning as the ministers were taking their seats in the pulpit, by Wm Henry Hooper, taking a position in the eastern gallery - and calling out the names of several members of the church including the name of the Pastor, and charging them individually with [illegible] on that & some predicting the punishments upon the souls of the persons whom he addressed — The attendants undoubtedly [illegible].

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Jan. 11 Was called to attend Mr David Clarke I was not therefore able to hear the [illegible] of [illegible] and see his exhibition of scenes in Europe — upon the screen

" 13 Mr David Clarke died of heart disease aged 66.
Went to Boston

" 14 Heard Mr Gannett preach. P.M. on [illegible]

" 16 Dr Stackpole [illegible] one of my former [illegible] Mrs Gallop [illegible] [illegible] Curtis! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pierce House [illegible] accompanied.
Dr Eldridge Bartlett of Boston met me at Middleton in the case of Mrs John Curtis his sister who had congestion of the lungs — one lung, the right — and [illegible]

" 18 Mr Everett Ferguson had a protracted labor extending almost through the forenoon, preventing me from meeting Dr Seguin of N. York and Dr Jelly of Boston at Pierce's case. Was released about 11 o'clock and saw Dr Jelly in the village [illegible]

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Mar. 6 [illegible]
the Ladies Missionary Society of [illegible] held
a fair and festival at the Town Hall
I was not able to attend.

" 14 Dr Shorter was called to Mrs Daniel
Perkins - she died before he arrived -
Pneumonia of five days - there was also
heart disease probably chronic.

" 20 A Town-Meeting - Albert Howe was
elected Overseer of the Poor in place of
Ephraim Peabody, resigned.

" 21 Snow - rode to Boxford in sleigh.
Dr Hale called me early to see Willie
Bailey. He had a wakeful night and
high feverish symptoms, and pain
in left knee. Thought he might have
lung fever come on - right lung
seemed to be somewhat congested.

Heard Mr Tilts preach his "farewell"
sermon, although no allusion was
made to the close of his pastorate.
Text. A.M. Matt. VII-24-27
Text. P.M. 1 Cor. I. 17 - the first clause.

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[illegible] 21 Two powerful sermons—
In the evening after the returning
Pastor made very instructive re-
marks on the passage of scripture
where Paul says he would be
"Accursed".

" 22 Dr Kimble sent for to see Merrill Bai-
ley's case—but Dr D. Choate came.
The disease was not sufficiently
developed to decide upon it.

" 23 Mrs Angeline Foster in town—
Called upon her at Mrs Saml. Adams'.

" 25 Dr Kimble came to see Merrill Bailey
" Thought there was suppuration in the knee joint
" 26 Dr Kimble came bringing Dr. Mack.
They aspirated the knee joint but got
a few drops of synovial fluid.
Aspirated the thigh in three places but
found nothing. Dr Kimble used the
needle four times, Dr Mack, once.

In the evening Wendell Phillips lec-
tured at the town hall in the free course
upon the lost arts. Very instructive.

Nov. 26 and entertaining, but the orator
touched the fire of old [illegible] many
questions and times.

" 28 Pulpit supplied by the Parish Com -
Rev. McIntire, said to be the former
minister at Rockport, preached, heard
him in the afternoon - a good sermon

" 29 Took the care of Mr Bailey's son, the father
and Dr Hill having had a misunderstanding

" 30 Dr Geo. B. Loring lectured in the free course.
The aim of the discourse was to find the
origin and foundation of the civil and
social customs and institutions of our
country - It was found to be Plymouth
Rock.

Parish Meeting (Annual)

Moderator - A. S. Peabody.
Clerk. - J. P. Towne
Receipts from the Brady & other funds 317.94
Amount of all the funds 5591.00
Report } Receipts 1340.19
Parish Com. } Expend. 1327.19 - In Treasury 13.00
Parish Com } C. J. Peabody, B. Sanders, W. Balch also Assessors
Treasurer - Solon Cochrane

Stat. & Stoupt & [illegible] $8.00.
Committee on Personal Solicitation continued viz.
C. H. Holmes. E. Hewitt & Ezra Towne
Parish Com. to supply the pulpit.
Appropriations referred to Parish Com.
Com. to check order - J. K. Dodge & C. H. Holmes
Woodpile - voted attention to E. [illegible] for 50 ct

Apr. 4th Mr. Adams a Theological Student from Andover preached. Did not hear him.

" 11 Mr. Pease, another student preached. Heard him P.M. - had an easy and animated delivery.

" 13 A meeting under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society.
Rev. and Mrs Locke of the Bulgarian mission were present and addressed those assembled upon the Bulgarians and the mission among them.

" 14 The preliminary arrangements having been made, an ecclesiastical council assembled at the Church today.
About 5 ministers were present and a larger number of delegates.
Revs. - [illegible] [illegible], Greenwood of Bristol, Tyler of Middleton, Wright of Danvers, & Sperry of Peabody, French of Hamilton. - [illegible] Marblehead, Sperry [illegible]

1881 The result was that advice that Mr
Fitts leave - the pastoral relation be dissolved
The result was expected, the business of the
council being in a great degree formal.
The opposition to Mr Fitts was a personal
one; confined at first to a very few in-
dividuals, and never a large following.
Driving him off as a very injudicious
as well as puerile act.

Ap 15 Mrs Livermore gave her lecture on what
she saw beyond the sea. All enjoyed it.
A rich treat to hear her.
Mr Adams preached. I hear.

" 19 Mr J. Wm Pratt Perkins died of pneumonia.
" " Rev Henry Pratt dropped in his house at
the Coronation Farm, and died in a few
minutes. Was called to see him but
found him dead.

" 21 Two funerals -

" 23 Went to Boston

" 25 Frank Palmer preached, second time P.M.

" 26 Learn that Mr Fitts has a call to preach
at South Newmarket N. H.

May 1. Ice of the thickness of window glass in the ^some^ morning

" 2 Rev. Mr Kedzie is said to have preached

1880
May 7 Remained all last night at Rev. Mr. Gammell's, Mrs. Gammell being very sick with congestion of the lungs. She breathed easier in the morning.

" 12 An earthquake this morning. The noise was quite loud, sounding like heavy waggons rumbling over wooden floors at some distance in the village. Thought of an earthquake at the time, but rather supposed it was a noise from some other cause. As I was visiting patients in the village with my carriage, did not have a favorable opportunity for observing it.

" 13 Mrs. Nancy W. Gammell passed away this morning at 7.45 o'clock. She has been failing in consumption this last year, the disease may be dated back to 1877.

The void left by the removal of Mrs. Gammell is the more marked from the many pleasing traits in her character. So bright and cheerful even down to the last days of her life one could not realize that she was so soon to pass away. Her hospitality and social gifts and intelligence gave interest to her conversation and a charm to the social circle. The sick and poor have lost a sympathizing and substantial friend. She will be greatly missed in the Parish where she has spent her short life of usefulness, as well as by her family and nearest friends — Her age was 35 years.

May 15. Attended the funeral services of Mrs Gammell at the church in Boxford. Mr Fitts made the Invocation. Mr Coggin read from the Scriptures. Mr Marsh made remarks dwelling chiefly upon the personal loss all the friends had sustained. Mr Wright of Danvers made the prayer. Was appropriate singing by select voices. The floral offerings were abundant and beautiful, filling the church with their perfume.
The procession of friends reformed and followed by the large assemblage, marched to the cemetery near the church. The procession met the bearers from the

Parsonage, on the following, were-
next carried to the church in accord-
ance with the wish of the deceased,
In the cemetery the remains were
exposed to view, and all took their
last look of their friend, in person.

May 19 Was present at Jonas Fiske's. [illegible]
when Dr. Mack removed a tumor of
breast from Mrs Fiske.

Apple trees in full blossom.
" 21 Went to Hamilton. Saw friends [illegible]
" 23 Sunday. Heard Mr Adams of Andover
Theological Seminary preach. P.M.
" 25 Real estate of the late A. H. Gould, sold at auction
" 26 Went to Boston. Called on Dr Thaxter
on Boylston St. We were students
together at the Tremont Medical School

On May 20th attended a meeting of
the creditors of the late A. H. Gould at
the Town Hall. S. Bradstreet presided. C.
S. Hood the administrator stated
that he had funds sufficient to pay
about 40 per ct. of the indebtedness.
The sale of the real estate would augment
the same to about 60 per ct. probably

1888

May 30 Went to meeting fore noon and afternoon. Mr ~~[illegible]~~ Noyes* preached. Text A.M. Luke xi, 31, 32. Subject — the greater gospel light and privileges and responsibilities of the people of the present day over those of the early Christianity.

P.M. text, Luke XV, 17. When he came to himself. The speaker considered that moment the turning point in the young man's character.

Some rain to-day. It is very much needed. Been extreme heat this month and much of it.

*July 3. ~~[illegible]~~ the name was not Noyes.

June 3. Called to see a child, 6 years old, of John Ames, Boxford. She had fallen and bent the bones of the fore arm. Fixed it up in splints, a shingle in front, a pasteboard, opposite.

" 8 Went to Boston. Called on Dr Chee

" 12 Mrs Matilda M. Gould, died, of typhoid fever — Age 49 - Mr Fitts too

" 18 Merrill broke his thigh bone - After calling on a dozen men in Boston. Mr Bailey finally brought down Dr Jernegan

1880

June 18 Upon examination under ether, it was found that the bone was so extensively diseased that amputation was necessary. Accordingly

" 19 Dr J. amputated Sat. A.M. at the junction of the middle and upper third.

Was called to Geo. Perley of Boxford. Found him dead. from heart disease. Immediately after eating his dinner he fell upon the floor - He was laid upon the bed. In 6 or 8 minutes he was gone.

" 20 Mr Higgins preached, did not hear him

" 22 Mrs John Bradstreet was fearfully burned by her clothes taking fire. chiefly upon the arms shoulders sides and back. at about 3½ P.M.

" 24 She died at about 9 A.M. the 24th Her age was 85 yrs.

" 26 Went to Salem to prove bill against the estate of the late A. H. Gould commissioners. Mr Moulton & Mr Johnson

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June 27 Mr Kisson, late of Templeton preached, Heard him P.M.

„30 Went to West Peabody to see Mrs Lorma who has been removed there from Boxford. Has paralysis.

Have had long continued extreme heat the latter part of the month. English hay largely cut. crop light.

July 2. A flag-staff erected on the common. The expense raised by subscription. Is to be a flag raising Monday morning

„3 Went to Boston on business.

„4 Attended church. P.M. Mr Kisson preached, from the text. 'Go work to day in my vineyard'. He spoke without notes

[illegible]
[illegible] staff has been [illegible]
on the common, through the
kindness of Mr A. A. C[illegible]
Has proposed to celebrate the
[illegible] by raising the flag
[illegible]
the history of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible]

that day. Mr. B. [illegible]
was called upon [illegible]
O. W. Holmes Esq. recited
appropriate poem.

7 Went to West Danvers to see
Mrs Dorman who has been
moved from Boxford to her
old home where her [illegible]
Mrs Hancock now resides.

" 8 Was present at a fair given by
the Ladies' Missionary Society
at the Town Hall [illegible]
[illegible] presided. There were
recitations by children [illegible]
and readings by [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] drowned [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] others [illegible]
[illegible] water, - getting [illegible]
with the father's basket [illegible]
[illegible] seized him and both
went down together [illegible]
[illegible] afterward. There [illegible]
[illegible] bank near the shore [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] done [illegible]
[illegible]. The family
and a few other families
having a picnic. The [illegible]
[illegible], the son [illegible]
[illegible] Danvers.

[illegible] called [illegible] W. [illegible]
[illegible] Hill. [illegible]
[illegible]

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1878 19
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J. Hoyt adm
~~C. J. Peabody~~
J. H. Dodge
C. H. Holmes

[illegible] from
[illegible]
to B. Jacobs
for 50 cts

13. in [illegible]
20 [illegible]
C. J. Peabody

Parish Committee
C. J. Peabody. B. Jacobs. ~~E. S. [illegible]~~ W. [illegible]
Assessors
C. J. Peabody. W. Balch. B. Jacobs
Treasurer
Silas Cochrane
Voted to attempt to raise 800
Com. on Elmwood Donation
[illegible], C. H. [illegible], [illegible]
Ezra Towne
Parish Committee to supply the pulpit.
Application referred to Par. Com.

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BENJ. P. EDWARDS, DRUGGIST & APOTHECARY,
MAIN STREET, TOPSFIELD.

1-80. Mar 30. Parish Meeting

Moderator. A. S. [illegible]

Clerk J. P. Towne

[illegible] Fund 30

[illegible] Funds 317.94

[illegible]47

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Report of the Parish Comm

	Bal	2.00
	[illegible] fee	50
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

4 [illegible] Boston [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Went to Boston – subscribed for the Boston Weekly journal [illegible] the use of spending so much time on a daily.
Sat for a photograph.

28 Went to West Peabody

29 [illegible] Farley accidentally caught fingers in machinery of the [illegible] factory – amputated it

[illegible] Wm. Smith, thrown from carriage a day or two ago – injured in the right temple – had some symptoms of paralysis of left side

Aug.
4 Went to West Peabody
" 7 Went to Boston - heard Prof Tyson
on the Pastoral examination of the Minis-
1st and 8th
" 8 Pulpit supplied.
" 11 Went to West Peabody. The place
where Mrs Dorman is sick is an
old one - One of the earliest settled
in that neighborhood.
" 13 Went to Hamilton - to a picnic
at Chebacco pond.
" 15 No preaching at the church -
Mr Tilzyel spoke in the Methodist
church eve, upon the condition
of things in Alabama. - in a religious
point of view.
" 14 Mrs Graves at the Batchelder House
confined with a boy.
" 20 Mrs Newton Averill died, severe
case of dysentery.
" 27 Mrs C. J. Peabody confined with a girl.
In the evening attended the dedication
of the Bradford Library Building. The
building in which the late Abigail [illegible]
first lived was purchased by private
subscription and remodeled, so as
to be a pleasant and convenient [illegible]

24 [illegible] a Library

the Rev. [illegible] presided at the meeting and made appropriate remarks. Remarks were also made by C. C. Palmer Esq., Wm H. Herbert of Jefferson Cole, and Mr Brown. the latter also made a dedicatory prayer.

28 Called to Augustus S. Peabody. Has a slight stroke of paralysis, mouth drawn to one side, feet staggering, speech somewhat affected.

29 Mr Wood in Woods preached — did not attend.

30 Mrs Alice Beale confined — a girl.

Three frosts reported this month.

The poles and wire [illegible] been ~~the~~ some time previously ~~th~~ prepared, a telephone office was opened at the Apothecary store of Mr Edwards, on the 18th and messages sent to Salem. and returned —

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Sept. 10 James S. Wheldon's child, [illegible], died of dysentery at Mrs Harriet L. Hobbs'

" 12 Charles M. Perley's child died of Cholera Infantum, at Linebrook

" 14 A child, boy, born to Mr & Mrs [illegible] Perley. Also attended a case of abortion. It is not easy always to learn whether these cases are produced by accident or design.

" 16 Mrs Harriet L. Hobbs died of dysentery. Have been four cases of this disease at Mrs Hobbs and a larger number of cases of diarrhoea. Faulty sanitary conditions probably the cause.

" 18 Called to see Rev. C. M. Lane, [illegible] of Andover, attendant and [illegible] consulting physician [illegible] present. Has typhoid fever, very sick, but not considered dangerously ill. Concluded there was a reasonable chance for his recovery.

[illegible] in the [illegible]

" 18 [illegible]

18[illegible]

Sept. 17 [illegible] to [illegible] — found him seemingly worse — in a hopeless condition almost.

" 28 [illegible] died, in the night of [illegible]

" 30 Church meeting voted, [illegible] Mr. [illegible] a call to settle as pastor of the church.

Oct. 3. [illegible] for parish meeting [illegible] of the parish will concur [illegible] of the church in giving a call to [illegible] Mr. [illegible] a young man of [illegible] I think. [illegible] a few times, acceptably [illegible] I know.

" 6 Went to Boston, attended the [illegible] of the Historic Genealogical [illegible]

" 10 Read Parish warrant.
Mr. [illegible] of [illegible]. Came [illegible] him in the afternoon.

" 12 [illegible] attendance [illegible]

" 14 [illegible] informal meeting [illegible]

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Feb 18 Parish meeting. [illegible] after the reading of the proposals to take up the warrant. Mr Ezra Towne offered [illegible] setting forth that on account of the [illegible] the feelings of the parish, of the [illegible] the difficulty of [illegible] the salary, it be resolved that the parish consider it premature to settle a minister at the present time.
The motion was favored in remarks by Chas. Herrick, Ezra Towne & others, and opposed by C.H. Holmes, C. J. [illegible] King, Jacobs, W. Balch, and [illegible] and carried, 19 yeas to 11 nays.
The expression of views on either side was of a decided character.

" 21 [illegible] Boynton, republican candidate for congress, spoke at the town hall. [illegible] I heard the last of his speech.

" 25 Mr. [illegible] preached — well, but the poor state of his eyesight, with the church not well lighted, marred delivery.

" 28 The Methodist Society has been held

18[illegible]

Oct 23 a series of meetings, [illegible] of the fiftieth anniversary of the [illegible] organization of the church! — There be a reunion of members and former pastors, also preaching by Mr [illegible] and others.
Attended these meetings this evening. Mr Clarke, the pastor and Mr [illegible] a former pastor were present. The preaching took the form of a "love feast."

24 Afternoon, heard at the Congregational church an able sermon upon the Transfiguration by Mr Kilbourn of Boston.

28 Mr [illegible] of Boston, Republican, addressed a few persons at the [illegible] hall in the evening — mostly upon the tariff. Short notice of the lecture besides the lecturer was not known to the people.

~~7~~ [illegible] addressed the [illegible] morning at the hall — he made some good points.

[illegible] I understood there [illegible]
[illegible] pavements [illegible]

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(Oct. 31.) Afternoon heard the [illegible] tell a young man, from the [illegible] "the locks were opened and only the lock was opened" &c. — His subject was, Unlocking locks. He really treated the subject in an able and interesting manner.

Nov. 2, Voted for Garfield — also for Charles Almy of New Bedford, gubernatorial candidate of the Prohibition Party. In the evening we had news by telephone sufficient to indicate how the election went!

3 Went to Boston, attended the monthly meeting of the Hist. Genealogical Soc. Charles C. Coffin discoursed eloquently of the features of the great wheat producing region of the upper Missouri and ~~of the [illegible]~~. Saskatchewan rivers. Marshall P. Wilder presided. Almost a solid north for Garfield.

5 It does not appear that there were many votes cast for the Prohibition candidates, I had not expected

1888

Nov. 6 new Republicans refer to the old parties.
See by the papers that Saml. [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] has been elected to Congress again from Illinois.

" [illegible] Heard Mr. Williams, Minister, preach the last words of Jesus "It is finished". A [illegible] of [illegible] to the communion which was observed after the regular service.

" 9 Attended meeting of Med. Soc. at Harmon House, Dr. [illegible], Pres. — Subject for discussion — Salicylic acid and its compounds — In the experience of physicians it was efficient in relieving the pain of acute articular rheumatism. Dr. Williams, President of the State Soc. was present, and made remarks upon the return of malarial disease in the Connecticut valley and in Berkshire county — Iodoform — effective remedy in cases of diphtheria.

" 10 [illegible] storm, [illegible]

1880

Nov. 11 At home. not having visited a patient today. It is now 7. P.M.

" 13 The Prohibitionists etc. Not a national [illegible] appears to have [illegible] [illegible] of the large parties,— as usually a part of the smaller bodies, the year of the presidential election.

" 14 Forenoon. Mr. Kittbourne preached. Text. Mark XVI. 7, Tell his disciples and Peter. In the commencement of the discourse a view was taken of the relation of Mark's gospel to the other gospels especially that of St. Matthew. Matthew was a Jew, and wrote from a different standpoint. Mark was a convert (of Peter and knew the apostle intimately.— Next — a [illegible] relation of the connection of Peter with the last three days before the crucifixion.

1. From this subject we learn the thoughtful tenderness of Christ towards Peter. The same is manifested toward us.— illustrated in various ways.

1855

Dec 24 Finally the Saviour's conduct towards Peter should be imitated by us in our conduct towards one another. This last point was treated at length.

Afternoon. Text. Rev II. 7

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. And XXI. 7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

The Christian race is extensively spoken of in the Scriptures as a contest. Various illustrations given. The race of life is one of hardship and difficulties. Spiritual life must be one of effort. Its victories which are within our own selves, are to be won by striving for the mastery.

Finally remarked that we may overcome, under the leadership of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

25 Have some leisure time. [illegible] the more time for reading and study. [illegible]

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Nov 16 Rode down to Hamilton. Found parents pretty well. Took a stroll with Frank to the pond and through the sheep pasture.

17 Saw in the newspaper, a notice of the death of Franklin McDuffee of Rochester. N.H. of the class of 18[illegible] D.C. McDuffie was present at the quarter centennial of the graduation of the class when I saw him. He was a man of feeble health. but I did not expect to hear so soon that he had passed away. He was quite hard of hearing. He [illegible] in his account of his life in an easy and fluent manner. He had a good command of language, and had considerable talent as a public speaker. He was some years ago a member of the N.H. legislature, or of a convention to revise the constitution, and took part in the debates. He was only 18 years old when I first knew him a pleasant well appearing young man. In returning from commencement in 1878 we came down to Concord in the same train together and [illegible]

1880

about the class, and the College.
It may be that I was the last of the
class with whom he had an inter-
view.

Nov. 20. Town meeting to see what
action the town would take in re-
lation to the lawsuit between Rowley
and Topsfield. The question is whether
one Hiram Kneeland, a native of
Topsfield, gained a residence in
Rowley. Rowley sues for the expense
incurred in that town by a descend-
ant of Kneeland.
Voted, to refer the subject to the
Selectmen to act in the matter
as in their judgment shall be for
the best interests of the town. Small
attendance, Raining.

Nov. 21 Forenoon. Mr. Kilburn, preaching
Text, 1 John. IV, 7, 8
Beloved, let us love one another: for love
is of God; and every one that loveth is born
of God, and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not God;
for God is love.

The rest of the sermon was taken up with a statement of the workings of love with illustrations from the Old Testament and from human life.

It was inferred how simple is the test of Christian Character.

Afternoon. Text Mark XII. 34

"Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

Some of the qualities possessed by that scribe who questioned Jesus, that indicated that he was ~~not~~ almost a Christian were considered — an interest in the subject of religion, and candid treatment of the same.

Nov. 22 Two very cold days for the season.

— 23 Thermometer at 7½ A.M. 6 deg. above zero. Called on Mr J. H. Peirce. He subscribed $100. to replenish our town library. We have commenced the circulation of a subscription paper for that purpose, which passed it to a few persons who are among those best able to give.

Mr Peirce has lately had some experience with [illegible] [illegible] who are active in the interest of [illegible]

College, concerning the legacy of Mr. Bates to that Institution. When Mr. Bates made ~~the~~ this donation to the college by will, he supposed his estate would be abundantly able to pay it. When he died it was found that the estate was nearly or quite insolvent. It was thought it could not pay more than 40 or 50 per ct. But by good management, delay and rise in the value of the property the debts, amounting to $100000 were paid, leaving valuable mostly real estate amounting to about $125000. The legacy if paid must come out of this. The legacy is $100000. The question of paying it was left out to Judge Russell & Judge Abbott, who decided that the college had not complied with the terms of the will. Mr. Lewis proposed to give $20000 to the college if they would abandon the case against the estate. But they are prosecuting the claim. If the college obtain the hundred thousand dollars, it will beggar the family

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Nov. 24 Ther. 12 above 0.
In evening walked to see the Parsons child, Tommy. Has a cold, is feverish and croupy.
Mr Porter will go to Texas to spend the winter. For facility of travelling he is having a car built at a cost of $14000. to come to Topsfield so as not to be dependent upon the regular accommodation trains.

25 Took Thanksgiving dinner with the [illegible] in Hamilton.
In the evening attended an operetta at the town hall. Topsfield. About 200 were present. Refreshments were provided in the lower hall. A promenade was to be held after refreshments. No dance.

26 Ther. 0; is said to have been –

28 Mr Campbell, formerly and for many years of [illegible] past. [illegible] preached A.M. text. Eph. V, 15 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise." [illegible]

1. John II. 6, He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked.
Subject, A circumspect life.
First, What should we do to live a circumspect life.
1. We should accept the fundamental principles of the Gospel, those upon which all evangelical Christians agree.
2. These intellectual beliefs should go down and influence the heart.
3. We should then continue to act on the foregoing as a foundation.
Secondly, Why should we thus walk circumspectly. Under this head several thoughts were briefly considered.
Afternoon, Text, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."
1. A wonderful promise.
2. A wonderful promiser.
3. Wonderful promisees
4. The wonderful terms.

Nov 27 In conversation with Mr. [illegible] Perkins, he stated that he was at [illegible]

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[illegible] upon the death of Genl. [illegible] [illegible] about 56.

In the evening went to hear an interesting talk by the Rev. Mr. Campbell now of Nebraska upon that state and the West generally.

Nov. 30. Dea. Saml. Bixby of Boxford informs me that his memory extends back to days of Mr. Holyoke, the minister, whom he remembers.

Dec. 1. Went to Boston. Francis G. [illegible] Esq. of the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society read an essay upon the relation of the United States Government to the Indians - mostly historical. Three divisions of time corresponding to the different policy of our government towards that race. 1st from the Revolution to 1817, while the Indians was a force external to our settlements. 2d the period of removal beyond the Mississippi. And 3d that of location upon reservations. The principal Indian wars were touched upon - Lastly the Indian problem of the present.

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Jan 1 Purchased [illegible] to [illegible] $1.50 and [illegible] English Literature 6 each and other books. Snow.

" 2 Sleighing.

" 4 Called at 6 A.M. to Mr [illegible] Wilkes. Died at 5 P.M. with symptoms of Angina Pectoris. Age 76

" 5 Heavy snow storm. Raining. Saw a patient in [illegible]. Did not attend church. Mr Kilbourn is said to have preached.

" 6 Listened to a lecture, one of a course, at the M. E. Church, upon "Words wise and unwise". The right use of words was illustrated, by extensive quotations of words and phrases wrongly used. Many of the illustrations were humorous and amusing. The Rev. Mr Wright of Lyme was the lect

12. P.M. Mr Kilbourn preached from Proverbs III. 15. "She is more precious than rubies, &c

Discoursing to children, the speaker advised them to get wisdom - First. it was the only way to make them happy - Second. It was the only way of safety third. It was the only way to obtain salvation.

I was called out during the delivery of the sermon to go to the Alms House - Lizzie Jones aged 8 years was found dead hanging from the middle south window of the School house. She had entered the school room, obtained her books which were found about the building, and in getting out of the window the sash fell upon her head and held her there, her head under the sash and her body hanging outside.

Mr Simon Conant of Linebrook died at 1¼ o'clock A.M. Debility of old age. He had an attack of vomiting and purging a few days ago. Has had symptoms of heart disease for a year.

Mr [illegible] was born May 13, 1787

Jan 14 Rev. Mr Moore lectured in the M. E. Church & [illegible]. Old Times and New. A comparison of Old Times & the present times to the advantage of the latter. Lecture written in rhyme.

15 Went to Boston. Made purchases and attended one or two other items of business. Collected a library subscription.

18 Meeting of the library committee of the Library! Present, Mr McFarland, [illegible] and John McKeen and myself. Consulted about using the fund the interest of which shall be appropriated to the purchase of books, and a smaller sum to spend for books at an early day.

19 Sunday. Mr Kilbourn preached from Solomon's Song. Chap. II. verse XV. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes. The application to correct the faults especially the lesser ones which one is liable to commit.

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Dec 19. Afternoon, Prof. [illegible] on Ps. CXIX v. 9. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." [illegible] especially to young men. A statement of modern thought was followed by reasons for taking the Bible as the rule of conduct.

" 24 Went to Union Hall where they had a "Cantata" and a "Christmas tree". Was called out to see Mary Carr, thrown from a carriage and sustained a fracture of the right humerus at the surgical neck. [illegible] it again, she was then removed home.

" 25 Injury painful. Sat up most of the night no sleep. — Called to Carlton by telephone to treat [illegible] and shoulder [illegible] but no further injury but it was found [illegible]

26 Visited patients.

" 27 A Christmas tree at the church the evening of Christmas day. [illegible] singing by the choir and also by a choir of children. [illegible] and made some [illegible].

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27 Have a present from Mr. Allen of a fine edition of Shakespeare [illegible] tragedies [illegible].

28 Mr. Virlow of Ipswich gave the closing lecture in the M. E. Church course, upon the theme "Be your-selves". The speaker treated of the thought, that most people have some faculty more prominent than the rest, which should be cultivated and sustained and put forward by the other faculties.

29 Called up at 4 A.M. Was attending until 3 P.M. on an obstetric case at Augustus Carter's, Middleton. Snow.

30 Went by invitation to Mr. Stone's, [illegible], with Dr. [illegible] and had a conversation about the Stone. [illegible] sleighing. The sleighing of Dec. 2nd lasted just 12 days. Thermometer, morning -6 - at 4 P.M. +2 - evening below 0.

31 Ther. -6 at 7.30 A.M. - Observed through smoked glass, the eclipse of the Sun.

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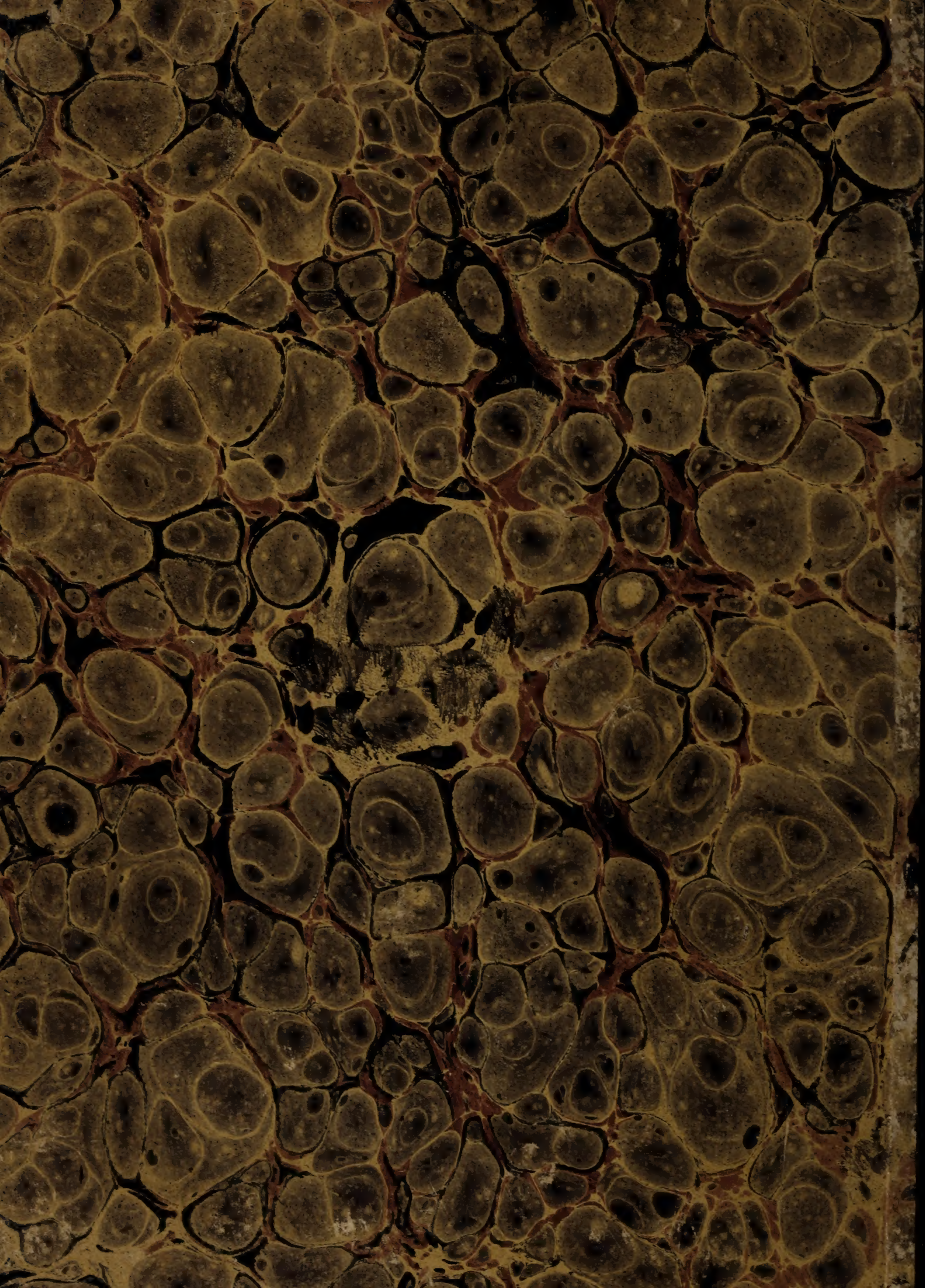
Jan 1 [illegible] — 1 [illegible] — 8
[illegible] 12 - 14
In addition to other medical reading
I purpose to pursue a somewhat
systematic course upon [illegible]
[illegible] also attend upon the [illegible]
Political Economy and the [illegible]
Language.

" 2 [illegible] — [illegible] — Ev. + 1
[illegible] preached, afternoon from
the text "the hour is come" John XVII - 1
a sermon appropriate to the communion

" 4 Left [illegible] about 11 o'clock [illegible]
[illegible] College [illegible]
[illegible], also a valuable [illegible]
The place is situated near
[illegible]